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JUNIORS SEEK TO REVIVE OLD GLORY

Free Instruction In Aeronautics Will Be Given At St. John's

REV. DR. MUCKLE OFFERS NOVEL OPPORTUNITY TO YOUTH

OPENS JANUARY 4

Something new, something different, is announced by Rev. Dr. W. D. Muckle, pastor of St. John's Roman Catholic church.

It is a school of aviation, to be held at St. John's separate school, open to boys of all denominations, at no cost to themselves.

There is only one restriction, and that is that the first applications received will be the first accepted. Those who apply for admission too late will be necessarily left out.

Enrolment forms may be obtained at St. John's parish house by any Newmarket, Aurora or district boy or youth.

Boys between ten and 14 years will be given instruction in model aircraft building, and older boys and youths will be trained in engine mechanics, theory of flight, navigation and meteorology.

Classes will be conducted with the co-operation of well-known aviators and aviation engineers, and will continue from Jan. 4 to July 1.

NAMES ADDED TO HONOR ROLL

The following additional list was sent in to be added to the honor roll at Newmarket high school, last week after The Era had gone to press:

IVC, Dan Teasdale, Victor Higginson, Marjorie Rose, Kenneth Johns, James Cullen, Mervin Firth, Mary Osborne, Florence Lavender, Elsie Biggar, Mildred Lyons and Jack Peppiatt.

JUNIORS PLAY BEFORE HOME CROWD JAN. 4

SNAPPY LITTLE TEAM WILL TAKE ICE NEXT THURSDAY

SUTTON LOSES

Sutton juniors play Newmarket in Newmarket on Thursday, Jan. 4. It will be the Redmen's first game.

Hard-working Charlie Rowntree's work as coach will be on exhibition on local ice for the first time this year. Alf Harden, former junior player, has been trainer.

The club is a 90 per cent home club, according to President C. W. Holmes.

Joe Spillette promises A1 ice, with continued co-operation from the weather man.

Newmarket's boys will step out in new sweaters.

Newmarket's goal will be looked after by "Pete" Dillman and Gordon Gardiner. Defencemen are "Duke" Dennis, Gordie Bone and Cliff Gunn. The front lines will be: Howard Hamilton, centre, with Bill Jelley, left wing, and Jack Luck, right wing; Merv. Broughton, centre, with Myles McInnis, left wing, and Stan. Gibbons, right. Substitutes will be Cliff Barker, Jack Gibbon and Stan. Evans.

Bob Peters may handle the whistle, facing off at 8.30.

The club-sponsored fowl draw will be held between first and second periods.

Markham Defeats Sutton

Scoring four goals without a reply in the second period, Markham scored a 7-1 triumph over Sutton in Sutton last night in the opening game of the O. H. A. Junior "C" group. Sutton scored its lone goal early in the first period, but by the end of the frame they were trailing 2-1. R. Bangay, with two goals, was the leading scorer.

Sutton—Goal, Pemick; defence, B. Gilby and Cook; centre, Griffiths; wings, Dunn and Smith. Subs—Odell, Thompson, I. Gilby, Laviolette, Crandall.

Markham—Goal, B. Schad; defence, Woolhead and Harper; centre, R. Bangay; wings, Northcote and A. Baker. Subs—H. Bangay, B. Baker, Laurie, Beck, Couburn.

First Period

1—Sutton, I. Gilby 3.05
2—Markham, R. Bangay 4.02
3—Markham, Laurie 5.35
Penalties—Odell, Crandall, I. Gilby.

Second Period

4—Markham, A Baker ... 1.01
5—Markham, R. Bangay . 5.03
6—Markham, Harper 7.10
7—Markham, Northcote .. 19.05
Penalties—Dunn, R. Bangay.

Third Period

8—Markham, Woolhead . 3.02
Penalties—B. Gilby, R. Bangay, H. Bangay.

LIONS CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND

Previously acknowledged	$308.00
In memory of a former member	100.00
Arthur Peppiatt	2.00
Dr. R. L. Hewitt	2.00
A Friend	5.00
Miss Minnie Wilson	2.00
A Friend	1.00
G. W.	3.00
B. I.	1.00
B. I.	1.00
B. I.	1.00
Mrs. Gordon Thompson	1.00
Rev. Jas. Taylor	10.00
Pickering College	15.00
The Cabin	1.00
F. H. Hewson	5.00
In Memory of Ken	25.00
E. F. Streeter	5.00
A Friend	1.00
Mrs. Gilmour	2.00
Total	$491.00

ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS MAIL BRINGS SMILES

More mail than ever before went through the Newmarket post office this Christmas, according to Postmaster L. P. Cane. Overseas mail arrived this week, prolonging the post office rush. A special staff helped to handle the mails quickly and efficiently.

People were mailing Christmas cards as late as Saturday, some of them to go to distant points, Mr. Cane said.

Many comments of relief were heard as citizens received their overseas mail this week.

CHANGE MADE IN W. H. EVES FIRM

The lumber, coal and builders' supply business, formerly carried on by W. H. Eves, will be carried on after Jan. 1 under the name of W. H. Eves & Co., Earl Weddel, proprietor. Mr. Weddel, who has had considerable experience in all departments of the business, is a nephew of Mr. Eves, who will continue to give active assistance.

WILL BE "HAMBURGER"

A Toronto man, F. Flice, will open a hamburg and lunch-room business in the Main St. premises of Hedley Hill, formerly occupied as a fruit store. The store has been remodelled and presents a smartly modern appearance.

ST. ANDREW'S HOLDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas tree exercises took place in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Sunday-school on Wednesday, Dec. 20. The program consisted of orchestra music, plays, duets, solos, etc. Presents were given to the junior classes and candies and oranges and apples to all. It was very largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

BUYS BUSINESS

George Blackwell, former Barrie dairyman, has purchased the garage business of E. A. Wilson, Main St.

CIVILIZATION WILL SURVIVE, WRITER SAYS

"NO WAR CAN END WARS, MEN MUST CHANGE HEART"

DISCUSSES OUTLOOK

Written for The Era by J. C. Kirkwood, 331 Bay St., Toronto.

Many, many persons are wondering about what the state of the world is going to be after the current war comes to an end. Many profess to believe that the war will have destroyed civilization.

Let me say emphatically that civilization is NOT going to be destroyed. Property will be—is—being destroyed. Fortunes are being destroyed. But NOT civilization. In some countries the pace of civilization's progress may be slowed up, yet civilization will remain. It is blue and discreditable pessimism which declares that civilization will be destroyed.

Wars take millions of men and women out of production, and obviously this must slow up the progress of nations, and war does reduce the wealth-making labor and activities of the world. Also, wars destroy stored-up wealth to a fabulous extent, and so represent incalculable waste—wasted material, wasted time. Thus, by way of illustration, having to rebuild roads and bridges and houses and factories, and cities and churches and schools, and ships, destroyed by war, represents wasted material and time and labor and money. Yet civilization, meaning, according to the dictionary, "the state of being refined in manners from the rudeness of savage life, and improved in arts and learning," will remain, at least in those countries untouched by the ravages of war and far forward in civilized development—our own country, Canada, for example, and the United States; and let us hope, Britain, also. Neither a person nor a country becomes less civilized because of loss of fortune or prosperity. Loss of fortune or of prosperity may lessen one's ability to express refinement in manners and may halt one's progress in expressions of art and learning, but it need not make one barbaric.

In this connection I propose saying something which may not be very new, yet is likely to be resisted by many of my readers. What I am about to say relates to the divine sovereignty of this world.

I am going to assume that most of us believe that there is a Supreme Being, the creator of the universe. None of us knows how old the universe is, yet we do know that this planet on which we live is over 300,000,000 years old. Nor do we know how long man has occupied the earth; yet we do know that there were civilizations—advanced civilizations — far beyond the period of recorded history, which would seem to suggest that civilization can be destroyed or extinguished—that races of men do slip back towards barbarism—even as Russia and in lesser degree, Germany, seem in these present times to be going backward, in the direction of barbarism, of savagery.

Also, I am going to assume that most of us believe that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh, and that he was born as all of us are born — of earthly parents, and that he was born to reveal to man God's plan of life for men. And when we think of the 300,000,000 or more years of this planet's existence, then Christ's — God's — residence on this planet has to be regarded as being a very modern episode.

As I see it, God, the creator of man, has given us, in the scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments, full instructions concerning the kind of life He wants man to live. We are not left in the dark concerning the God-way of life. If and when we refuse to live according to the divine pattern, we but punish ourselves, and by "we" I mean ourselves regarded as individuals and ourselves in our social and racial masses. So believing, I can understand why in these present times we have wars and crime, and corruption and family disruptions.

The Scriptures give us a recipe for life—how to live. We know how to live perfectly; yet if we refuse or neglect to follow the recipe given us for living perfectly, and substitute for the Scripture's recipe recipes of our own, then we must expect to live imperfectly.

Quite obviously, therefore, if the world is ever to approach the perfect way of living, there must be a universal effort to live according to the God-pattern. So there is an urgent need in these times, and in all times, for the education of all peoples everywhere in what the God-pattern is. In other words, the whole world must be Christianized.

Many good people of our times want God to interfere, immediately and effectively, in the affairs of the world. They want God to perform miracles daily — to rescue

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Need Of Merchants' Association Is Again Felt Along Main St.

AFTERNOON CHRISTMAS MARKET PROVES POPULAR WITH MANY

PRICES ARE LOW

The special Wednesday afternoon Christmas market last week drew a record number of exhibits, a large number of retail buyers, and a satisfactory number of wholesale buyers from Toronto and other points.

A number of people expressed preference for the afternoon market. Some of the exhibitors said that it had not meant such extremely early rising for them, and many of the townsfolk liked the change.

As a result, there has been some speculation along Main St. as to the desirability of having the regular Saturday morning markets on Friday afternoons.

Wholesale buyers were paying 21 to 24 cents a pound for turkeys, 17 to 18 cents for geese and 18 to 20 cents for chickens, with private individuals paying one to two cents per pound more.

Some of the prize birds, of course, brought better prices.

NEW YEAR'S MARKET

With a large crowd of buyers at the special New Year's market on Wednesday afternoon, it did not take long to sell the fowl, with prices for turkeys being a little higher than on the Christmas market.

Although fowl was not as plentiful as at the special Christmas market, there was a large number on the market, with turkeys selling from 28 to 30 cents a pound, geese, 20 to 22 cents, hens, 16 cents and young chickens, 20 cents.

Eggs sold at 30 cents a dozen.

These prices compared with wholesale buyers' prices on Saturday of 25 to 27 cents for turkeys, 18 to 20 cents for geese, and 18 to 20 cents for chickens.

When various volunteers were making the arrangements incidental to the market, the thought once more arose that there should be a merchants' association to look after such events, as well as to plan other special under-

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

Able Seaman Served In France During Last War

NEWMARKET HAS SEVERAL WAR NAVY VETERANS

With interest in the war centring in naval activities, it is learned that Newmarket has several men who served in the navy during the last war.

They include Jack Gadsby, Dr. J. C. R. Edwards, Fred Edwards and Alfred Smith. Jack Davis, who died last winter, was another naval man. If there are other names, The Era would like to have them.

The record of Alfred Smith, president of Newmarket Veterans Association, is rather peculiar, for while he served in the navy throughout the last war he was actually in France fighting. As an "able seaman" fighting in France, he was wounded three times during the last war. The Hood battalion, with which he served, was actively engaged in France throughout the war, and took part in severe fighting in 1917 and 1918.

FAMILIES REUNITED AT CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS

It was a "Christmassy" Christmas at the Christian church. Evidence of family reunions could be seen in almost every pew as the home folk and their visitors recognized the true meaning of the season, which, of course, is the worship of God for the gift of His Son.

In the morning the pastor, Rev. Arthur Greer, gave a word-picture of the happenings "Around the Cradle of Christ," and he was delighted to notice that the church was almost entirely full.

At the evening service formality was dispensed with, (it is never present to any great degree), and with the use of lantern slides, the congregation gave themselves up to the thorough enjoyment of carol singing. The choir added three beautiful Christmas anthems, and Rev. Emerson Sanderson, who was at home from Oberlin, Ohio, for the holiday, completed the service with a most suitable message.

His thought, in brief, was this: "A lighted Christmas tree brings a thrill of joy to a human heart; in like manner, we should shine as lights upon the earth, thus bringing joy to the heart of our Father, God: so we will be His Christmas trees."

HOLT FARM SOLD TO TORONTO MAN

E. A. Boyd, realtor, reports the sale of lot 27, rear of con. 7, East Gwillimbury, 105 acres, the property of Wm. Mitchell, Holt, to S. Scott, George St., Toronto. Mr. Scott intends remodelling the buildings and takes possession on Jan. 1.

The property of Penn Watson, part lot 35, con. 2, Whitchurch township, adjoining Newmarket, on Srigley St., has been sold to ex-Councillor Sidney Legge, Newmarket. This property is composed of 15 acres, highly cultivated, good house and barn, chicken houses and flowing well, which supplies all the buildings with water. Possession will be given on Jan. 1.

A popular event of the New Year will be the midnight dance, which is being held in the Oddfellows' Hall, with Max Boag and his eight-piece orchestra in attendance.

WILL NOT OPPOSE REEVE, RUN FOR COUNCIL

The Sutton reeve, William Pugsley, and councillors, Nicholas Robertson, Frank Burrows, W. H. Stogill and Harry Compton were returned to office by acclamation.

In Whitchurch, Reeve C. Earl Toole, Deputy-Reeve Jesse Cooke and Councillors George Leary, Herman Kidd and Herbert Wells were also returned by acclamation.

At Pefferlaw M. C. Taylor and J. D. Sibbald were nominated to run against the present reeve, L. J. Cockburn, but declared they had no intention of opposing the reeve. Mr. Sibbald and Mr. Taylor were also nominated for one of the four seats open on council, as were Ivan Tomlinson, John Laviolette, Herbert Cronsberry and William Harvey.

MARK 50 YEARS WED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Guests for dinner at the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson Lepard on Dec. 25 included their children and grandchildren, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Lepard of Toronto; their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woodward; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lepard and children, Margaret and David, from Burford; their daughter, Mrs. Quast, and her husband, and their children, Mr. Glen Lepard and Miss Mildred Quast, and Mr. Quast, Sr.

Other dinner guests were Mrs. David Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Graham and daughter, Daisy, all of Zephyr, Mrs. W. J. Robinson of Mount Albert, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lepard. Mr. Hiram McDougall of Saskatchewan was also a guest for tea.

Reception guests during the afternoon and evening were Mr. J. M. Walton and Miss Mary Walton of Aurora, Mr. George Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Evans of Bogarttown, Mrs. McCordick of Newmarket, Laura Thompson of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shaw of Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weddel, Mrs. W. E. Lyons, Miss Beatrice E. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Curtis, Miss L. Starr, of Newmarket.

A telegram of congratulation was received from Col. W. P. Mulock.

At the time of their marriage 50 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Lepard were both residents of Scott township. The bride was formerly Miss Emily J. Wellar. Rev. W. Hazard performed the ceremony.

Poor Specimens

"Your parson seems to be a very dogmatic sort of man, Mr. Verger."

"No, not very; he's only got two, and both of them's mongrels."

CANDLES 100 STRONG MARK XMAS SERVICE

The special Christmas services held in Trinity United church last Sunday were delightfully inspiring. At the morning service the minister, Rev. R. R. McMath, gave a short address on, "His Name." A solo was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Iltyd Harris.

Anthems were given by both choirs and the special number was an anthem entitled, "Hosanna". This number was sung by both choirs with the senior choir in the choir-loft and the juniors in the gallery. The church was filled for the service.

In the evening a very colorful candle-light service was held, and was largely attended. The church was left in darkness when two angels entered and lighted the 100 candles which had been placed around the church.

Twelve cedar candlesticks each bearing five candles were loaned by Pickering College. A white birch candlestick bearing 13 candles was placed across the front of the platform. Small white birch holders were filled with candles on the window sills. A scheme of magnificent decorations, suggesting a home fenced all around on the edge of the forest, in winter, had been carried out tastefully by Miss Millard. After the lighting ceremony by the angels, the choirs entered by the front doors and processed to the choir-loft, each carrying a lighted taper and singing "Adeste Fideles."

The angels read the Christmas story in four parts and the readings were interspersed by Christmas carols, rendered by both choirs. Both choirs were excellent under the baton of Iltyd Harris.

East Gwillimbury Council Opposes "Duration" Term

FAVOR TWO-YEAR TERM BUT PETITION AGAINST MORE

The East Gwillimbury township election cost $262, J. L. Smith, township clerk, has announced in response to a request for this information.

All members of the council were present at a meeting in the township hall at Sharon on Dec. 15.

Carman Rolling's tender for snow plowing for this winter was accepted by the council, on motion of Councillors Proctor and Pearson.

On motion of Deputy-Reeve Byron Stiver and Reeve Stanley Osborne, the following resolution was passed disapproving of an indefinite suspension of municipal elections:

"That whereas we have been informed that it is possible that the municipal council, when elected to take office January, 1940, will remain in office for a term of two years, and if war continues more than two years, the council will remain the duration of the war;

"And whereas the members of the council of East Gwillimbury township consider that two years would be a good move, but any longer would be an injustice to the people of the municipality;

"We therefore petition the Hon. M. F. Hepburn and his government not to pass legislation for more than two years."

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CROSSED OCEAN TO BE CANADIAN WHEN TWO

Mrs. R. James Dies in 74th Year

After a short illness, Selina Harford Jane Mills, widow of the late Robert James, died at her home at Queensville, on Dec. 13.

She was born at Fratton, Portsmouth, England, in 1866, and sailed the ocean with her parents when two years of age. She was the daughter of David and Selina Mills, Sr., who settled near Menford in Grey county.

She was a faithful and loving mother, and was loved by all who knew her. Mrs. James' husband predeceased her in 1932. She leaves to mourn, four sons, Edward and Ivan of Truax, Sask., Percy and Arthur, at home, and one daughter, (Lillian) Mrs. Fred Johnston, Queensville; four grandchildren; and four brothers, Albert Mills, of Shelburne, David, of Meaford, Howard, of Vancouver, B.C., Luther, of Maxwell, and one sister, (Gertrude) Mrs. C. Stallbrass, of Newmarket.

The service was conducted by Rev. Hugh Shannon of Queensville United church. The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends from Meaford, Shelburne, Heathcote, Churchill, Toronto and other points.

Interment was in Queensville cemetery.

WAS LACROSSE STAR

Roy Mitchell, Newmarket barber, was at one time a star lacrosse player at Dundalk.

GIVEN WINDBREAKERS

Last summer's softballers under the Holmes-Spillette banner received wonderful Christmas gifts from their club in the form of handsome gabardine windbreakers with attractive crests in relief. The windbreakers are as smart as they can be.

NO DAMAGE DONE

The fire brigade under Chief W. W. Osborne answered a call on Saturday to put out a chimney blaze at the home of Mrs. Frank Duncan, Church St. No damage was done. The house belongs to Mrs. Edgar Davitt, Ravenshoe.

CAROLS CONCLUDE XMAS MESSAGES

St. Paul's church was decorated with evergreens and flowers for Christmas. A large star, outlined in greening, with streamers to the sides of the chancel arch through which the flowers in the sanctuary could be seen, made an effective scheme.

On Sunday morning Rev. A. J. Patstone, the rector, gave the last of a series of special messages for Advent. The topics dealt with on the four Sundays were: the Divine Judgment, the Divine Word, the Divine Society and the Divine Remedy.

In the evening the annual carol service was held, when the service consisted of the reading of appropriate Scripture passages and old-time carols.

On Christmas day good attendances marked the communion services at 8 and 10 a.m.

On Sunday and on Christmas day the choir sang an appropriate Christmas anthem and many of the carols were sung at the evening service. The boy soloists were especially commended on.

BOYS ARE SENTENCED

The three lads who robbed Bill White's gasoline station a couple of weeks ago were sentenced in Barrie court on Wednesday. Milford Millar and Charles Laws, were given one year definite and one year indefinite and Andrew Herrell, one year definite and 6 months indefinite. The lads are all from Orillia.

Mr. White and Constable Kenneth Mount testified at the trial.

WILL CELEBRATE 97TH BIRTHDAY TOMORROW

Philip John Smith, one of Newmarket's oldest, if not the oldest, citizen, will celebrate his 97th birthday tomorrow. Mr. Smith makes his home with Mr. Daniel Firth, Raglan Ave.

With the exception of being partially deaf and suffering somewhat from arthritis, Mr. Smith is in good health, and makes his daily trip downtown. Mr. Smith hitchhiked to Aurora in the summer.

Pepper-Pot Speaker Takes Lead At College Forum

CONSERVATIVE LEADER OBTAINED FOR PICKERING MEETING

One of Ontario's best-known speakers, Col. George A. Drew, K. C., will speak at a Pickering College community forum on Thursday evening, Jan. 11.

Col. Drew is leader of the Conservative opposition in the provincial legislature, but is more famous for his attacks on the federal government handling of defence problems.

A magazine article by Col. Drew led to the Bren gun inquiry and eventually to a cabinet shuffle which found Hon. Norman Rogers, who addressed a community forum here last year, minister of national defence in the place of Hon. Ian Mackenzie, who addressed an election meeting in Newmarket in 1935.

Col. Drew's subject on Jan. 11 will be: "The Riddle of Russia."

N. H. S. STUDENT CARVES PUPPET SHOW FIGURES

The Newmarket Home and School Association was entertained with a Christmas program in the Stuart Scott school on Dec. 19.

Fred Case, George Chantler, Betty Skinner and Marion Rose took part in a play, "David Copperfield's First Journey." Another play, "The Family Disaster," was presented by Eileen Jackson, Margaret Smith, Marion Rose, Betty Skinner, Jimmy Walsh and Stanley Winger.

Several talented young musicians gave piano solos: Barbara Pritchard, Virginia Vansant, Eileen Jackson, Helen Epworth, Marion Rose, Marilyn McInnis and Carol Boag.

Christmas carols were sung by a public school choir under the direction of Mrs. M. B. Seldon.

An interesting feature of the program was a puppet show put on by some high school students, directed by Victor Higginson, who himself carved the figures.

MILROY LEADS

Harry Milroy, Sutton intermediate of last year, is leading scorer in the West Toronto mercantile league, with two more goals added to his list in a game at Ravina Gardens last evening.

RECEIVES PROMOTION

S. R. Stevens, manager of the Bell Telephone Co. in Newmarket in 1937-38, and now of Orillia, is moving with his family to Kitchener in the new year, where he has been appointed office manager.

EXPANDS BUSINESS

George Dorland of the Dorland-Bender Casket Co. has leased the I. O. O. F. hall, Millard Ave., for a year, and it is understood that he plans to manufacture steel caskets there.

OPENS WEDNESDAY

School does not open until Wednesday, Jan. 3. Tuesday was incorrectly given as the day of opening in last week's Era.

HOME-NURSING CLASS OPENS ON WEDNESDAY

The home-nursing class under the direction of the Red Cross Society will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 7.30 p.m., in the Bugle Band hall.

The headquarters will be opened again on Jan. 3, when the sewing will be resumed. The wool committee will be on hand on Thursday, Jan. 4, to give out wool and take in finished garments.

The society would like to have all the names of men who have enlisted from Newmarket and would appreciate the public interest and co-operation in this matter.

Please call at the headquarters with the above information as soon as possible.

TOWN BADMINTON CLUB DEFEATS ST. PAUL'S

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, St. Paul's Anglican church badminton club were guests of the town badminton club. Twelve matches were played, with the town club winning 11.

Lunch was served at the conclusion of the tournament. The results were as follows, with the town club players being given first: B. Wilson, N. Mathews defeated H. C. Graham, G. Hoare; A. Marshall, G. Phimister defeated J. Choppin, A. Stephens; J. Macnab, J. Hamilton defeated T. Hewson, H. Atkins; B. Lyons, D. Bowman lost to A. Simpson, Mrs. Lloyd; Mrs. Mathews, L. Bond defeated I. Owens, S. Wilson; L. Daniel, H. Thompson defeated Miss Tremaine, Mrs. Forestburg; Mrs. Mathews, A. Marshall defeated I. Owens, H. C. Graham; B. Lyons, B. Wilson defeated A. Simpson, J. Choppin; L. Bond, N. Mathews defeated Lee Tremaine, G. Hoare; D. Bowman, J. Hamilton defeated Mrs. Lloyd, H. Atkins; L. Daniel, J. Macnab defeated S. Wilson, Art Stephens; H. Thompson, G. Phimister defeated Mrs. Forestburg, T. Hewson.

Coming Events

New Year's midnight dance, commencing at 12.05 a.m. in the Oddfellows' hall, Newmarket. Music by Max Boag and his eight piece orchestra. Gentlemen, 75 cents, ladies, 50 cents.

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 18 and 19 — The Newmarket High School Glee club will present the comic operetta, "Rose of the Danube," (by Geoffrey Morgan and Arthur Penn), at 8.15 p.m. Reserved seat plan on sale at Patterson's drug store on Thursday, Jan. 4. Reserved seats, 35 cents. c1w47

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THEY CALL IT "1940"

Like Christmas, a new year means more to a child than to a "grown-up." New years succeed each other so rapidly for adults that they seem like months. A year is a long, long time for a child, or youth, and it is an adventure even to write the figures which designate the new year. What may it not bring? The youngster thinks in terms of the exciting things that may happen to him—perhaps a fire burning down the school and giving him a month's unexpected holidays, or a holiday trip with his parents, to the city or to the lake. The adult thinks of the new year in terms of the exciting things that he may cause to happen, of the things that he may do, for life is too short to wait for things to turn up. He may be a young man who is making life more interesting and exciting by preparing himself through study for a better job. He may be a business man "going after" and developing new business. He may be a father, or she may be a mother, getting excitement out of love and care lavished on a promising child (and all children are promising). She may be a busy housewife, overladen with duties and burdens, who still finds time to make life exciting by working for the welfare of needy folk in India, China or the Canadian northland.

A New Year Wish

Our thought is that 1940 will be what we, each of us, make it, regardless of wars and the horrors of war, regardless of good or bad business conditions, regardless of good or bad health. It is not to the exclusion of the thought, however, that we should try to have our influence on the larger affairs of mankind. Mankind will be at least united in hoping for an end of war, and a start to be made on the solution of those social and economic problems which apparently the whole world must work out together.

A BOOK

What did Santa Claus bring you? We hope that if he brought you nothing else, not even a Christmas dinner, he brought you a good book. It may be a new book or a new edition of an old book, in an attractive binding designed to bring to your attention again one of the old masters. The writer was overjoyed to receive a copy of "The Christmas Carol," for he was brought up on Dickens more than on any other writer, and of course there has not yet been a second Dickens any more than there has ever been a second Shakespeare. Some people profess not to like Dickens but we have never found any equal for the heartiness, cheeriness, and optimism of Dickens combined with an interest in and love of plain folk that can thaw out even the hardest-hearted of us. Wordsworth says: "Dreams, books, are each a world: and books, we know, are a substantial world, both pure and good."

Craftsmanship

The beautiful little volume is printed by the Seven Company, Fort Erie, and is one of a limited edition of 400 copies. In days gone by such were printed as carefully as their predecessors of the middle ages were turned out in monasteries. Today they are turned out by the millions and look like it. Quite a few books are well printed but few are excellently printed. The little volume, "A Christmas Carol," is excellent and has been done by craftsmen.

We will tell next week about another Christmas volume, somewhat smaller, written and printed in Fergus.

CANADIANS WON'T AGREE

One of our wishes for the new year is that there may prove to be no truth in the report that the Czecho-Slovak committee in Paris, which Britain and France have recognized as the government of Czecho-Slovakia, will seek the Canadian government's aid in conscripting for military service in a Czecho-Slovak legion Czecho-Slovaks resident in Canada. Canada could not honorably co-operate in such a plan. It is said that Britain and France will co-operate in a similar plan, but that is somewhat different. Britain and France have conscripted their own men, and it is perhaps not unreasonable that Czecho-Slovaks availing themselves of refuge in Britain and France should share in the military responsibilities of those countries. But there is no conscription in Canada, and there is not likely to be. No Canadian needs to give military service unless he wishes to do so, and Czecho-Slovaks resident in this country should be in exactly the same position. Czecho-Slovaks themselves should be the best judges of whether the restoration of their country is worth fighting for. It is not for Canadians to force them to take up arms. They are not criminals to be extradited for trial by fire.

A TINY WORLD

Isolationists, those who would leave Europe and her wars strictly alone, come in for a good deal of "panning" these days. While it does seem reasonable that the way to prevent wars is for as many nations as possible to keep out of them, difficulty arises out of the fact that no nation can isolate itself economically. While that might seem an argument for taking part in wars, it can also be used to show the interest every nation should have in preventing wars.

Wheat Prices

Canada's economic fortunes, and business conditions in the town of Newmarket, are affected by conditions and happenings throughout the entire world. In illustration we publish the Searle Grain Co.'s (Winnipeg) December list of bullish and bearish factors affecting the price of Canadian wheat. It is interesting.

(The most important factors are numbered.)

Factors Tending to Raise Price (Bullish)

1. Winter wheat situation in the U.S. winter wheat belt is worst ever experienced.
2. Searle rainfall report shows deficiency reserve moisture for next year's crop in Prairies.
3. Russia begins war on Finland.
4. Argentine wheat yields are reported to be only eight to nine bushels per acre.

Excessive rainfall continues to hinder Argentine crop.
Antwerp continues to buy Argentine wheat.
Cereal and foodstuffs crops in Manchuria are below last year's harvest.
Smaller acreage than anticipated was seeded in the U.S. winter wheat belt.
Winter wheat seeding in Hungary delayed by dry weather.
4,000 tons of Canadian rye sold to Scandinavia.
Unfavorable seeding conditions reported in some districts of India.
House of Commons announces that fair prices will be paid to farmers for wheat and oats.
Food is becoming scarce in Spain.
Heavy sales of Canadian barley to U.S.A.
Great Britain is buying generous quantities of Canadian wheat.
Frost damage experienced in the Argentine.
Holland is now taking Canadian barley.
Exports of barley from Roumania have been prohibited.
Spain taking large quantities of Argentine wheat.
Some weavil infestation reported in the surplus wheat stored in the U.S.
The European wheat crop is now estimated at 150 million bushels less than last year's crop.
Magnetic mines sink ships carrying foodstuffs to Great Britain.
Average of unofficial estimates of U.S. winter wheat crops is 400 million bushels.
U.S. wholesale commodities indices shows a slight rise.

Factors Tending to Lower Price (Bearish)

1. International Institute of Agriculture in Rome reports that exportable wheat surplus from 1939 crop exceeds the importing countries' demands by 185 million bushels.
2. Visible stocks of Canadian wheat reached an all-time record of 351,563,401 bushels.
3. The 1939 Italian rice crop is expected to be the largest ever harvested.
4. Winter grain conditions in Roumania and Bulgaria are excellent.

New corn seed bed in the Argentine is in excellent condition.
U.S. report indicates a corn crop of 2,550,000,000 bushels.
Large corn acreage expected in Argentine this season.
Favorable seeding progress reported in Bulgaria.
Preliminary estimates indicate a near record grain harvest in Russia.
Heavy rains received in small sections of the U.S. winter wheat belt.
Australian wheat crop estimated at 181 million bushels.
Much needed rain received in Russia for forthcoming crop.
Hungary expects an exportable wheat surplus of approximately 50 million bushels.
Great Britain makes a contract with Uruguay for 12,000 tons of beef and 9,000 tons of mutton.
The British Pound in New York declined 12½ cents during November.

We read that "Canada's first publicly offered war loan of the present conflict, which will be floated early in the new year, will afford an opportunity for all citizens to make a contribution to the war effort." Surely that will depend on the rate of interest. People can hardly be said to be making a contribution to the war effort when they lend their money at an attractive rate of interest. The men who enlist for active service may or may not get their "principal" back intact, and they do not receive any interest on their investment.

The only drawback about having Christmas dinner with "the old folks" is that there is no cold turkey for the week that follows, not even the makings of "rack soup."

A MUNICIPAL IDEA

The two-year "staggered system" of electing municipal councils is upheld by the Huntsville Forester, and is said by that newspaper to have the endorsation of Dr. Horace L. Brittain, municipal research bureau, Toronto. Under this system councillors would be elected for a two-year term, half of them retiring each year. This is the way Newmarket's public school board is elected. This plan lacks the alleged economy merit of the Hepburn plan, but would, it is said, give continuity to councils. We have never noticed any lack of continuity in municipal councils. It is seldom that a councillor who wishes to return to office is defeated, and when a majority of a sitting council are defeated there is probably an excellent reason. However, the opinion of the Forester is worth quoting, for its editor is also Huntsville's mayor.

A WORTHY PROJECT

Half a dozen Ontario counties have formed "Home Improvement and Beautification" societies. The object is to encourage tidiness about private property, planting of ornamental trees, planting of wood-lots, reforestation and other forms of beautification. In northern York county we have much natural beauty, but not so much that we can afford to go on indefinitely using up nature's reserves without replacement. King and Whitchurch townships are badly in need of reforestation. With man's co-operation nature would greatly increase the water, forest and game resources of these two denuded and erosion-scarred townships.

HIGHWAY EXPLAINED

Hon. Gordon D. Conant, Ontario attorney-general, is reported to have told a Port Perry audience that the Peterboro-Port Perry highway (which will eventually go on to Schomberg) will have to take second place to prosecution of the war. That seems reasonable, but the fact remains that Mr. Conant, in the effort to get himself elected in South Ontario riding, pledged the government of which he was about to become a member to completion of this highway and he had lots of time to fulfil that pledge before the war broke out. The war looks like a convenient excuse.

NEWS and VIEWS

Thirteen people lost their lives over the holiday weekend in Ontario, through accident or fire. Seven of the deaths were caused by automobile accidents. Two persons were killed in Toronto in the two days previous to Christmas.

Finnish troops carried the war into Soviet territory on Christmas day for the first time since the Russo-Finnish struggle began on Nov. 30 with Russia's invasion of Finland.

The holiday weekend brought violent death to at least 526 persons in the United States.

Christmas day was quiet on the western front in France, and fog reduced Allied reconnaisance flights to 26, as compared to 718 on Saturday.

Sixty prisoners in Londonderry jail, suspected members of the Irish Republican Army, lodged there for the duration of the war, staged a mutiny on Christmas day and waged a battle with the police, using nail-stubbed boards and bottles.

Colliding passenger and freight trains killed 50 and injured 30 on Saturday at Karlsruhe, Germany. The previous day 132 were killed in another train collision at Genthin. There have been ten railroad disasters in Germany since the war began.

Six survivors of a missing British airliner were last week picked up by a French ship near Sicily and landed at Malta.

50 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Dec. 20, 1889

Mr. Francis Roche of Toronto was in town Wednesday.

Miss Joyce Currey has spent several days visiting in Toronto.

Mr. John Malloy of Yatton, county of Wellington, is here on a visit with his brother, Mr. Bailiff Malloy.

Mr. Fred Botsford of Nipigon, N.W.T., son of Mr. Joseph T. Botsford, is spending the Christmas holidays in town after an absence of 18 years.

A few young people spent a pleasant time at Martin Bogart's, Yonge St., on Wednesday evening.

Mr. J. Fierheller had four chickens stolen from his poultry house last night.

An exceedingly painful accident occurred at Cane's factory last Thursday afternoon when Walter Beasley lost two fingers off his right hand.

George Williams has leased his brickyard for a term of years to Messrs. Montgomery & Son, who are already at work for next season's supply.

Messrs. Ross and Meades have the skating rink fixed up for the season and are anxiously waiting for Jack Frost to do his part in order to announce the opening.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's mother, Queensville, by Rev. G. J. McKay, M.A., Dec. 12, Mr. James Linskill to Miss Zannie Milne, both of Queensville.

MARRIED—On Dec. 18, by Rev. L. W. Hill, Newmarket, Mr. Ephraim Clarkson to Miss Maggie Bland, all of King.

MARRIED—On Dec. 18, by Rev. L. W. Hill, at the Methodist parsonage, Newmarket, Mr. William Trivett to Miss Mary Elizabeth Wasley, all of Newmarket.

DIED—In Aurora, Dec. 12, Georgina Chester Todmarch, beloved wife of Marshall Forsyth.

From Era file, Dec. 27, 1889

Miss Sarah Belfry is spending the holidays at London and St. Thomas.

Prof. J. J. Elliott of Orillia is spending the holidays with Mr. R. A. Smith.

Mr. John Winning of Toronto spent Christmas Day with Mr. John Gibson, Jr.

Mr. Alex. Sutherland of Toronto spent Sunday with his brothers in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cameron of Collingwood spent Christmas with Mrs. Cameron's uncle, Mr. Daniel Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Toronto are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Williams' father, Mr. Geo. Srigley.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bastedo and family of Toronto spent Christmas at Mr. J. A. Bastedo's.

The following Newmarket boys were home for Christmas: Mr. Herb. Binns of Montreal; Messrs. Ed. and Ben. Coates, Pen. Lundy, Harry Millard, Clarence Caldwell, Tommy Lloyd, Willie Oliver and Frank Hartry of Toronto; Mr. Arthur Garley of London, Mr. Harry Elvidge of Uxbridge, Carl Lloyd of Brantford and James Fierheller of West Toronto Junction.

The strong wind yesterday morning tore a hole in the roof of Mr. Penrose's shop, blew a board off the railroad fence across the track and twisted the rods holding a sign or two.

The adoption of the tag system for dogs increased the receipts about $45 last year.

The detailed statement of town accounts shows 46 water users while the extension just completed will give the town about 70 water users.

Dr. Howe got off the track in the darkness opposite the farm of B. W. Howard, Second St., one night last week, and was pitched off into the mud. The horse was got out safely, but the rig was left there all night.

On Christmas eve one of the buses got stuck on Botsford St., in the mud.

BORN—In Whitchurch, Dec. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens, a son.

DIED—In North Gwillimbury, Dec. 24, Nancy Morton, wife of John Morton and mother of Mrs. Conway of town, aged 77 years.

25 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Dec. 18, 1914

The Misses Sykes have returned home after visiting in the city for three weeks.

Miss Gertrude Corson of Toronto spent a few days this week at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. Sharpe.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lawrence of Toronto spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. Lawrence's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Thompson.

Schools close next Tuesday for the Christmas holidays and open on Monday, Jan. 4.

T. H. Morton has succeeded in selling all the town water works debentures in small lots in and around Newmarket.

Mr. Edmunds Walker of Fishers Corners and Miss Maggie Cull of town visited Mr. Leo Blackburn on Sunday.

Mr. Jack Gadsby, who volunteered with the first overseas contingent, arrived in town on Wednesday. He is on a few days furlough.

A vote on the by-law for Hydro-Electric or Metropolitan power will be taken at the election.

Miss Ena Bogart is assisting at the post office during the holiday rush.

BORN—In Aurora, Dec. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. F. D. O'Leary, a son.

BORN—In Newmarket, Dec. 17, to Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Wilkinson, a daughter.

MARRIED—At the Presbyterian manse, Sutton, on Dec. 9, by Rev. D. A. Hamilton, B.A., Ida Maude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rae, Georgina township, to Arthur Arksey of North Gwillimbury.

DIED—In Aurora, Dec. 6, Alice V. Morton, wife of Charles Morton.

From Era file, Dec. 25, 1914

Mr. Eugene Barker is home from the United States.

Miss Clarice Brodie is home from Ottawa on two weeks' vacation.

Miss Beatrice Wesley of Toronto University is home for the holidays.

Messrs. Cameron Curry and Charles Meek are home from Guelph O.A.C.

Mrs. Geo. Richardson has returned from Ottawa, after visiting her son for three weeks.

Mr. E. Jackson left on Wednesday to spend the holidays with his daughter at Tottenham.

Mrs. Haigh of Souris, Man., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosamond, is home for the Christmas holidays, also Mr. Wm. Rosamond, their son, of Denholm, Sask.

Miss Marjorie Widdifield is home from the McDonald Institute, Guelph, for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Bertha Binns of Lady Minto Hospital at Chapleau, is spending the holidays with her brother, Mr. G. A. Binns.

Pickering College entertainment took place last Wednesday, after which the students left for home for the Christmas holidays.

The local option vote will take place on Jan. 4.

F. Cluth's laundry was burned Wednesday night, the only thing being saved was a show case of goods in the window.

The closing exercises for the public schools were held on Tuesday afternoon.

DIED—At Holland Landing, Dec. 22, Rachel Tickford, wife of Robert Tickford.

DIED—In Newmarket, Dec. 22, Herbert Elvidge, aged 47 years.

DIED—At Newmarket, Dec. 19, Martha Miller, wife of H. N. Moore, aged 35 years.

"CHIPS" AND HIS CHUMS

VERY YOUNG CHIPS HAS A CHRISTMAS TREAT

BY RUTH DINGMAN HEBB

"All the birds who rushed south to avoid the cold got kind of fooled, so far this winter," said Walter, the Cedar Waxwing, to Nutty Nuthatch. "Here it is almost Christmas and it's as mild as can be."

"None of us will complain about that, pretty as the snow is," replied Nutty. "Have you delivered all your Christmas greetings yet?"

"No, I haven't even started," said Walter. "I think it's so much nicer to have them arrive at the last minute, that I always wait until about the day before Christmas to start on my rounds, and then, of course, I'm simply frightfully busy getting around to all my friends to wish them the compliments of the season."

"Yes, I think you're very wise," said Nutty. "It makes the season seem so very friendly when everyone acts as his own postman and delivers his own Christmas wishes."

"Why here comes Very Young Chips, the Chickadee," commented Walter Waxwing. "He seems to be quite a young imp. He's always getting into mischief or difficulty of some kind, his father, Young Chips, tells me."

"Yes, that's quite true," agreed Nutty with a sigh. "I never knew such a child for getting into queer situations. Last week he saw a big Snowy Owl and mistook it for a ghost, so I hear. I wonder what he's been up to now. He looks pleased with himself, at any rate."

"Hello, youngster," called the Waxwing in friendly tones. "You look like a cat that's just finished a saucer of cream."

"Please don't compare me to anything so horrible as a cat, Mr. Waxwing," said the young Chickadee. "The only reason I'm here now is because of a cat. I decided I'd better leave the scene of action."

"You shouldn't really look as pleased as you do, then," said Nutty. "Where have you been?"

"Well, I've been having a real Christmas treat," said the Chickadee. "I was over in the nice big back yard of a big house in town, and I had wandered up quite near the back porch."

"And had they put out some Christmas goodies for the birds?" asked Nutty.

"I should say they had," chirped Very Young Chips excitedly. "There was a lovely mince pie and a plate of chocolate fudge. They were both hot, so I couldn't eat them quite as fast as I would have otherwise. I wish they had let them cool before they put them out for us. But, honestly, I never tasted anything quite so good in my life. The candy had just oodles of nuts in it and I picked them all out as fast as I could."

"Why you little pig!" exclaimed Nutty in horror. "That stuff wasn't put there for you. If you had the brains of a Starling you would have known that. I'll bet you did know, too. It was put out to cool before the people in the house ate it. I'm surprised at you. Aren't you, Walter?"

"Indeed I am," said the Waxwing solemnly. "You're as bad as our arch enemies, the Squirrels, who swipe the food from the birds' feeding stations. I'm disappointed in you, my young man. Tut, tut."

"Well, I just couldn't resist the temptation," admitted Very Young Chips. "I did rather suspect that they weren't meant for me, because there were some bread crumbs down on the ground, too. However, I'm beginning to think that maybe I ate a little too much. I don't feel so well."

"I should think you wouldn't," said Nutty severely. "And what will the poor lady of the house think when she sees her nice things all pecked to pieces?"

"Oh, she won't know I did it," said Very Young Chips carelessly. "There was the cat that I mentioned prowling about and some Squirrels and several other birds. She won't suspect me."

"Why this is simply shocking," sputtered Nutty in vexation. "The boy has no sense of good citizenship. I must speak to his father and tell him to check up on him a bit more. This is outrageous . . . preposterous. It's scandalous, in fact." He went off scolding and "chuk-chuk-chukking" to himself. "What are the young folks today coming to?" he asked himself.

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Patients treated in the "In-Patient" Department during 1938 exceed **9,000**

Total patient days **140,000**

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Total expenses exceed **$540,000**

Total income from normal sources will be less than **$450,000**

Net deficit for year **$90,000**

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The Common Round

BEGINNING AGAIN

By Isabel Inglis Colville

We read, from time to time, of people "beginning again—making a new start, turning over a new leaf," and we, the ordinary sort of people, who tread the common round, feel that there must have been some dread upheaval in the lives of these people to have caused the change. Some of them may have been following a life of crime, and suddenly decided that "a good name was rather to be desired than riches;" or a glimpse of the true meaning of life as revealed in Jesus Christ may have been vouchsafed them; or they may have lost their all, and, rather than go down to defeat, have gathered up their courage and made a new start.

But even we people who go on from day to day without any cataclysmic eruptions feel that it would be delightful to turn to a fresh page and in the turning see if we can't write a brighter record, with red letter notes, where we have been able to add some touch of joy or comfort to the lives of those with whom we come in contact, and a few paragraphs in golden letters, where we inscribe the names of new friends made; or make note of some signs of mental or moral growth within ourselves.

New Year's Day looms just ahead and New Year's Eve is a fine time for mental stock-taking. It isn't always a pleasant job—most of us fall so far short of our ideals; but I suppose our best hope lies in the fact that we HAVE ideals. We can put down our assets and our failures; our assets we can carry into the New Year, hoping so to add to them that when another New Year's Eve comes round there may be a sizeable balance.

Our failures we can study in the light of what we have learned in the past year—then discard them with the resolve that they will not blot our books again.

I have heard people say, "What utter nonsense these New Year's resolutions are." Maybe — but many a race has to be started two or three times, and New Year's Day seems as good a time as any to MAKE a fresh effort to attain to the goal you may have set yourself.

There is something about the very words "New Year" that seems to open a door to limitless possibilities. We have minds to feed and books and lectures and music with which to still their hunger.

We have the sick to visit; the sad to comfort; the hungry to feed; the naked to clothe; for the "inasmuch" is as applicable now as it was when Christ was teaching in Judea.

New Year's Day offers us a challenge—a challenge to fight whatever within ourselves that holds us back from what we are capable of being. Shall we accept it?

Happy New Year to all the readers of The Common Round.

ROYAL THEATRE AURORA

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!

TODAY — THURSDAY — DECEMBER 28
RALPH RICHARDSON — LAURENCE OLIVIER
VALERIE HOBSON
"CLOUDS OVER EUROPE"
"DRUNK DRIVING"
A CRIME DOES NOT PAY SERIES

FRIDAY - SATURDAY — DECEMBER - 29 - 30
GENE AUTRY — SMILJE BURNETTE
"COLORADO SUNSET"
Western Melodrama with music, lively and interesting story, teeming with action!
JANE WITHERS — LEO CARRILLO
"CHICKEN WAGON FAMILY"
A splendid comedy. It has much amusement and entertainment.

BIG MIDNITE SHOW NEW YEAR'S EVE
AFTER 12 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
DICK POWELL — ANN SHERIDAN
"NAUGHTY BUT NICE"
A musical comedy, plenty of laughs ripple along through this merry tale. Also a number of excellent short subjects.

MONDAY - TUESDAY — JANUARY - 1 - 2
GARY COOPER — DAVID NIVEN — ANDREA LEEDS
"THE REAL GLORY"
It is a new spine-tingling adventure story, one of the best military melodramas of this or any other year — outstanding.

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY — JANUARY - 3 - 4
BETTE DAVIS — GEORGE BRENT
"THE OLD MAID"
A picture of unusual quality, impressively produced with powerful acting and masterful direction.

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FUEL AND BUILDERS' SUPPLIES

PHONE 22 HURON STREET

HOLLAND LANDING

DEPARTURE OF FAMILY IS LOSS TO VILLAGE

A very successful supper was held by the congregation of Christ church in the basement of the United church, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19. Following the meal the Sunday-school scholars gave a splendid concert, consisting of songs, dialogues and recitations.

Much to the pleasure of the children "Santa" was present, too, and presented each pupil with a gift and a bag of candy. Then Seymour Greig moved and John Kitching seconded a vote of thanks to be sent to the officials of the United church for the use of their basement for the evening.

The success of the evening was due entirely to the efforts of the Misses L. Goodwin and R. Kitching. At the close of the program the congregation took the opportunity of expressing its deep appreciation and regrets at the departure from their midst of Mrs. F. Kitching and her family, who are soon leaving for Toronto. Two gifts were presented to the family, a reading lamp from the members of the W.A. and a table from the congregation. On behalf of the W.A. Miss Lois Goodwin spoke of Mrs. Kitching's long and loyal association with that organization. S. R. Goodwin presented the table and on behalf of the congregation cited the long and faithful connection of the family. The community's loss is an irreparable one and their departure will be sorely felt.

Rev. A. J. Forte, speaking for the congregation, wished Mrs. Kitching and her family godspeed and pointed out that the contribution that the family had made to both community and church would long be remembered, and that the deeds of kindness and devotion to duty are among the things that are eternal. The meeting closed with "Blest be the tie that binds," followed by the national anthem.

Holt

The school concert held on Thursday was a decided success. All enjoyed the play given by the young people, "Look Who's Here."

All those interested in school work are requested to attend the annual school meeting of S. S. No. 6, Holt, to be held in the schoolhouse on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, at 8 p.m.

The Christmas program at the church last Tuesday evening was largely attended. Much credit is due the committee in charge.

Miss M. Cunningham of Toronto is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Hogg.

Mrs. Geo. D. Mallin and sons of Swastika are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Ianson.

Mr. Wm. Mitchell and Miss Grace Mitchell are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Pearce of Kitchener.

Vivian

Dec. 19.—Mr. Herb. Phoenix and family have moved to Toronto for the winter.

Mr. Chas. Pipher and son expect to spend Christmas in Toronto with the family and remain until spring.

Mr. Albert Needler and family have moved to a farm near Vandorf.

Mrs. Wm. Mitchell of Hartman has returned home after an operation for appendicitis in Toronto General hospital.

Mr. McPherson and son motored to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the funeral of Mr. McPherson's brother-in-law.

Sunday-school services are held at 10 a.m. each Sunday, with an average attendance of 40.

Sunday evening, Dec. 17, Mr. Rowan preached. His text was "If I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me." A helpful message was delivered to a full house. The church has stood for the betterment of the community during the few years of its existence and hopes to do greater things in the years to come, and, as the old year goes out, never to return, may the Christmas bells—

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

The Era is the best means of getting in touch with the most progressive people of this district.

QUEENSVILLE

W. M. S. OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

The regular meeting of the Women's missionary society was held at the home of Mrs. W. Dew last Thursday. Mrs. Shannon was in charge. The study book was taken by Mrs. B. Aylward, assisted by Mrs. G. Pearson and Mrs. E. Norris, in the candlelight service, with Mrs. F. Weddell singing the Christmas hymn "Town of Bethlehem."

Mrs. Sydney Thompson read the story of the origin and afterwards sang the beautiful Christmas carol, "Silent Night." The election of officers took place, those of 1939 being re-elected for 1940.

Delicious refreshments were served at the close of one of the finest meetings of the year.

MOUNT PLEASANT

EX-WARDEN DIES IN NINETY-FIRST YEAR

Dec. 21.—Bad colds and concerts seem to be the rage this week.

Mrs. Wm. Moulds and Mrs. Jack Bosworth spent Tuesday evening at Mr. Geo. Stiles' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horner spent Sunday at Mr. Robt. Stiles'.

Mrs. Robt. Davidson spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Davis, in Toronto.

A gloom was cast over the neighborhood in hearing of the death of Mr. Jos. Davidson of Brooklin on Dec. 14. Mr. Davidson farmed all his life a mile and a half north of Mount Pleasant until 15 years ago, when he retired and went to Newmarket to live with his daughter, Mrs. John Johnston. Then 11 years ago he moved with Mr. and Mrs. Johnston to Brooklin. Mr. Davidson was always a great worker for his church, a good farmer, an upright, honest man and in his earlier days took a great interest in politics, being reeve of North Gwillimbury, warden and township treasurer.

Mr. Davidson was in his 91st year. Sympathy is extended to the family.

ZEPHYR

AIR FORCE STUDENT INJURED IN TUSSLE

Dec. 21.—The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held in the community hall on Wednesday, Dec. 27, with Mrs. Walter Meyers as hostess. Roll call, "How near I came to seeing the King and Queen;" current events, Mrs. Walter Myers. Miss D. Curl; report of convention; program committee, Mrs. L. Profit, Mrs. H. Snowdan; hostesses, Mrs. E. Walker, Mrs. I. B. Law, Mrs. E. Profit, Miss D. Curl.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Galbraith and daughter, of Aurora, spent Sunday with Mr. Galbraith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Galbraith.

Miss Dorothy Curl spent a few days last week with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Jas. Galbraith spent a few days in Toronto this week.

Mr. Gordon Kennedy was married to Miss Jones on Dec. 9.

Everyone seems busy getting their wood out this nice weather.

Wilfred Rynard, R.C.A.F., had the misfortune while having a friendly scuffle with one of his pals before retiring one night, to break his left ankle, which will delay his finishing his instructor's course at Trenton for some time.

The Christmas Fair, which the W.M.S. held on Saturday evening last in the hall, was a great success. Allan Armstrong might make an auctioneer some day if he had plenty of quilts to practise on. The short impromptu program finished the evening very well.

A very nice shower was given to Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Rae last Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kennedy.

WHITCHURCH HOLDS FINAL MEETING

"If there is no shuffle this year, I will allow myself to stand for re-election," said Reeve Earl Toole at the final meeting of Whitchurch council on Dec. 15. At the same time the reeve expressed his thanks to the members for their hearty co-operation and helpfulness during the year.

He further stated that the endorsation of his colleagues was an important factor in determining to stand for re-election. "I hope you will all be back again next year," he said in conclusion.

Deputy-Reeve Cook, who has served the municipality in his present office for three years, said he would stand again, while Councillor Leary declared that the records would show the council had not been wasteful, yet constructive. Councillor Kidd said it had been a pleasure to serve on the council this past two or three years, and he hoped the ratepayers would send his colleagues back again. Councillor Wells called 1939 a banner year.

The treasurer, John Crawford, said the statement he is now preparing was a rosy one, while he took the occasion to thank the council for their co-operation.

Sheep claims totalling $70.90 were ordered paid. James Crochart, Con. 2, suffered loss from dogs attacking his sheepfold on or about Nov. 24. Eight animals were killed.

A request for rebate of taxes on the John Frank farm at Vandorf drew no action. The letter pointed out that the farm had been operated at a loss of $1,800. Rev. Mr. Frank, rector of a downtown Toronto church, used the property on a large scale as a haven for destitute men, and had paid the taxes of $84.24. The place was largely supported, it is understood, by the good graces of Toronto citizens. Owing to the men enlisting it was closed up as a hostel this fall.

Relief for November totalled $96.08, and hospitalization, over which council can exercise no control, amounted to $87. Road accounts included: Div. 2, $25; D. Baker, maintenance, $27.20; Floyd Steckley, grader, $8.75; Uxbridge township, adjustment T. L. expenditures, $46.67; J. H. Widdifield, salary, $32; P. A. Hutchinson, trucking, $18.25.

MAIN STREET

By GOLDEN GLOW

A couple of weeks ago I was writing about my early recollections of Main St. and so many people have spoken to me since about it, recalling the same things as I do, and suggesting that I write more on the same subject. So here I am on the same subject again!

Several have recalled the butcher's tent-like canopy over the meat, as he went his rounds early in the morning, and the sound of his butcher-horn of several musical notes; and the milkman's bell, calling the customers out to the curb, with their jugs to be filled. I wonder how many recall the auctioneer with his bell, up and down the street on a Saturday evening, shouting: "Auction sale, auction sale," and telling the time and place!

As now-a-days Saturday night used to be shopping night downtown, and up and down the crowds used to go, from the post office to the Forsythe House, now the King George hotel, sitting on the hotel verandah, which extended the full length of the building, or on the shop window-sills, or standing in shop door-ways (to the disgust of the proprietor, for it certainly blocked up the doorway, no doubt keeping customers from entering). There were coal-oil chandeliers for lighting or maybe the then newly-invented arc-light, with its two pieces of carbon, sputtering and flashing and making queer noises but giving a fairly good white light.

Sitting round inside the warm blacksmiths' shops when cold weather came, or in the several cobblers' shops—which with the barber-shops were the club-rooms of those days. And don't forget, also, the fish-man, with his horse and little wagon, with box-like chests with ice in them to keep his fish fresh, and the scaly block beside his seat where he chopped the heads and tails off, and scaled the fish for housewives who required that service. One fat, jolly "fish-man" used to come round, and we could hear him a block away: "All alive-o! All alive-o!" He had as good fish as his voice too!

Then all along the street were posts to tie the horses to, while their masters were shopping or something! I expect the owners of the property put in those tie-posts, for some were quite fancy, topped off with a very realistic horse's head in iron. I wish I had one—it would be a real antique and a grand reminder of early childhood days! The horse had a ring in its mouth to tie to the horse's halter and it used to make quite a splendid clang when you lifted it up high as it would go and dropped it.

Then across the sidewalk stretched the different signs—some quite plain, some fancy. The drug stores were much the most fanciful, great mortars and pestles suggesting making horse powders, etc., or huge bottles with colored liquid in them. I recall a grocery store where Smith's Hardware now stands, with a tremendous T, out over the sidewalk. It was painted a deep cardinal color, but I have no idea now what was on it. I recall the shop very well for another reason, because we youngsters used to go there for "a cent's worth of sweets." (Imagine buying a cent's worth of sweet's now-a-days!) And we all thought we were well served too! That was before the day of candy shops.

On a Saturday an old lady whose little house stood somewhere near where Dr. Edwards lives, a dear little old lady called Mrs. Maltby used to make homemade "toffee" and it was the custom for children after their Saturday's play to be cleaned up, the good old scrubbing we all did need too, after our long Saturday's playing, and after we had clean dresses and shined shoes and curls all just so, we were given a "copper" and all trooped up to Mrs. Maltby's for our "Saturday treat." It was quite usual to hear one little girl call to another, "Ready to go up to Mrs. Maltby's?"

And we thought she was something out of a story-book, she was so tiny and so quaint, and she used to look at us over a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles, never through them. They fascinated us, and made us think she was something very superior. And when she'd say "Have you had your Saturday bath?" we felt constrained to answer her properly, as if she had a perfect right to ask us!

If we think Main street narrow these days, what must it have been in the earlier days, for it was a maze of posts—tie-posts for horses, posts supporting signs, posts supporting verandahs that served as an awning for shop windows and an upstairs balcony for the family that usually lived above and behind each shop. Then the lamp-posts, with the coal-oil lanterns, that had to be lit each evening by a man called Joe Bogart, with a cute little step-ladder. Old Joe Bogart, mail carrier, policeman and a lot of other things, no doubt! Joe Bogart and his hollow-backed old black horse, "Jinny," were characters none of us will ever forget! He used to "push on the lines" to make "Jinny" go faster up Main street hill, but Jinny never did go faster than her accustomed jog-trot, no matter what he said to her! "Git outa here—don't you mind what I told you yesterday," was one of his favorite admonitions to Jinny—but Jinny just switched her old tail, and kept in the sure old pace.

Oh dear! I see I am as usual filling up too much space. Do you want some more on the same subject? For I don't doubt I can think of heaps more things besides the mud on Main street every spring and fall, and every time we had a thunder-storm; and the poles and posts and old-fashioned balconies overhanging the sidewalks; the meat and fowl hanging-on-hooks and nails outside the butcher-shops; the display tables of dry goods stores reaching half-way across the sidewalk; Chief "Pinkerton" as we all called the local policeman, who abounded in "clues" but nothing else!

Yes, and the grand turn-out of our local horse lovers, the high-stepping pacers and rubber-tired road wagons, with the whip standing erect in the whip socket on the dash-board, the "buggy-duster" covering the knees of those in the conveyance, and the lap-rug folded so neatly, hanging just so over the back of the seat, with a couch dog, the Dalmatian spotted dog, following, with his nose just under the rear of the outfit, never glancing aside for anything! Oh, we had our "Dandy Dans" on Main St. those days and any young lady whose "boy friend" drove a thoroughbred was the envy of all beholders. "Them days is gone forever!" ('Scuse the slang!)

KING TOWNSHIP WINDS UP BUSINESS FOR 1939

The regular meeting of King township council was held at Sutton's hotel on Dec. 15. All members were present.

General accounts were passed as follows: Nobleton postmaster, stamps, $12; Arthur Wellesley, school attendance work, $11.85; M. A. Wilson, wire, P.V.K.C., $27.65; Express Herald, advertising, $2.16; C. N. Institute for Blind, $12; Dr. A. F. Kay, indigents, $15; H. G. Rose, registrations, $3.25; G. J. Lawrie & Son, wreath, $10; Maurice Hayward, constable services, $26.65; J. H. Sutton, room for council meetings, $10; J. A. Farquhar, constable services, $31.50; Imperial Bank, comm. on tax collections, $29.30.

R. E. Tremple, overpayment on taxes, $3.97; W. W. Gardhouse, county treasurer, Nov. hospitalization, $116.87.

Relief account, $112.24; road voucher No. 26, $572.77.

Fence viewers were paid as follows: Robt. Archibald, $2; Peter Muirhead, $2; J. A. Marshall, $2; J. Richards, $2; Wm. Carson, $2. These payments were made for work done from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15.

Livestock valuators were paid as follows for the same period: Earl Cook, $2; Wm. Bishop, $2; Wm. Shaw, $2; A. Cadden, $2.

A cheque was issued to Chas. W. Walton for $22.53, being credits due him according to the Holland Marsh judgment on the 1931, 1935 taxes on property described as Lot 12, Con. 1 (N.S.). Mr. Walton had produced receipts showing that these taxes were paid by himself.

The account of M. J. Enright, Aurora, of $30.01, the redemption amount on Lot 3, Plan 132, and purchased by Mr. Enright at the tax sale on Dec. 7, 1938, was ordered paid. This amount, in addition to the costs of sale and current taxes, has been received from R. E. Tremble.

The request of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission regarding cancellation of certain power contracts in the names of Bert Andrews and T. H. Reedburne was granted.

The treasurer was instructed to issue a cheque for $198.40, the balance of the Marsh Maintenance Levy 1939, payable to the treasurer of West Gwillimbury.

A by-law to provide for the corporation's consent to the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada constructing its lines upon the highways, streets, bridges and other public places of the corporation was passed. A by-law to authorize the corporation to enter into an agreement with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario for street lights for Nobleton was passed.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at Sutton's hotel, on the second Monday in 1940 at 11 o'clock, a.m., or at the call of the chair.

SHARON

"THE LAST LOAF" WILL BE PRESENTED DEC. 28

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. J. F. Osborne, on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. The roll call will be answered by "A woman in the Bible, one outstanding characteristic."

Mrs. Herman Gilroy of Newmarket will give a paper on the "History of the Bible." Mrs. Selby will give current events.

There will be a ten cent "white elephant" sale. The refreshment committee is Mrs. Phil Hamilton, Mrs. J. Lunney and Mrs. W. Haines.

The Bogarttown community club is presenting its play, "The Last Loaf," on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m. in the Sharon hall. This play is well acted and worth hearing. It is being sponsored by the Women's Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Jackson and Miss Vonna of Flint, Mich., visited Mrs. W. Wilmot last week and proceeded to Kingston for the week's holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilmot and Ruth returned from Kingston on Tuesday, while Miss Agnes Wilmot remained for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bonner and Miss Verna Bonner of Toronto spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. A. Hillaby.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmond Glebe of Toronto spent the weekend holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Collins.

Mr. Ross Fountain of Kirkland Lake also Mrs. Wm. Mackie and Doris of Toronto spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Fountain.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Tate and Miss Joyce spent a few days in Toronto with Dr. and Mrs. D. R. Fletcher.

Miss Ruth Pinder of Bradford spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parker are spending Christmas holidays in Toronto with relatives.

Miss Ethel M. Shaw of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. M. Shaw of Hamilton, Mr. James Shaw of Madison, Wis., Mrs. J. Moore of Mount Albert, Miss G. Moore of Toronto and Miss Marjorie Moore of Winnipeg, Man., were Christmas guests of the Shaw family.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearson of Brampton and Miss Gertrude Grose of Toronto spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Grose.

Mrs. Ada Soules of Toronto spent Christmas Day at Mr. Norman Crone's.

Mrs. Bertha Phillips is visiting her sister, Mrs. Buchanan, in Galt.

Mrs. J. Graham of Sutton visited at Mr. R. Wayling's over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ramsay and family spent Christmas Day at Downsview.

Mrs. F. McKrill and Shirley spent Christmas in Newmarket with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Weddel and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ramsay visited Mr. and Mrs. George Wright in Toronto on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rye and Miss Rye of Holt spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rutledge.

The service at the United church next Sunday will be held at the usual time, 7.30 p.m. At the close of the regular service the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served. Sunday-school will be held at the usual time, 10.30 a.m. Everyone is welcome at both services.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon of Toronto spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Dixon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fife.

Miss Blanche Hall spent Monday at her home here.

Era printers take pride in their workmanship.

East Gwillimbury Council Opposes "Duration" Term

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The treasurer was authorized "to pay $100 on Pitchford note and charge same to the Holland Landing account."

The treasurer was instructed to pay $179 to Mount Albert police village, as its share of the constable's salary to be refunded.

Accounts ordered paid included: York county, hospitalization, $479; T. Eaton Co., relief, $22.23; D. J. Davidson, relief, $6; A & P Tea Co., relief, $13; W. R. Steeper, relief, $6; Geer & Byers, relief, $12; Ernest Ellis, relief, $10.50.

County levy, $15,067.61; Fred Andrews, wood for hall, $3; Chainway Stores, $5.81; Chris. Jones, school attendance officer, $27; Mrs. Evans, care of hall, $25; York county, hospitalization, $125.98; Newmarket Era, $2; Express-Herald, $2; Olive Tinsdale, printing, $50; Albert Wilton, sheep claim, $16; B. W. Howard, sheep valuator, $4; Stuart Traviss, weed inspector, $15; Robert Wilson, collecting soil samples, $4; J. S. Osborne, reeve's salary, $135; Byron Stiver, deputy-reeve, $120; George Pearson, councillor, $130; Alan Shaw, councillor, $120; Walter Proctor, councillor, $120.

Road accounts: grading, $46.79; salt, $18; gravel, $19.05; repairs, $11.90; snow fence, $96; trucking and labor, $18; sand, $10; fence bonus, $7.50; brushing and ditching, $67; Scott town-line settlement, $135.12; stamps, $3.

Half and Half

A Mexican gazed through the bars at County Jailer H. E. Cox.

"Can you read and write?" demanded Cox during the booking process.

"Can write, not read," replied the prisoner.

"Write your name, then," said Cox. The Mexican scrawled huge letters across the page.

"What is that you wrote?" inquired the puzzled jailer.

"I don't know," said the Mexican. "I told you I can't read."



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For sale—One registered Holstein bull calf. Would make good herd sire. Bred from good stock. E. Dennis, Newmarket. *3w46

For sale—Eight good pigs. Eight weeks old. C. F. Stallibrass, lot 25, con. 5, Newmarket, R. R. 3. c1w47

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MISCELLANEOUS

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SALE REGISTER

Friday, Jan. 5—Auction sale of farm implements, hay, grain and household articles, etc., the property of the late Fred Dawson, north half of lot 97, Yonge St., township of East Gwillimbury. Sale at 1.30 p.m. F. N. Smith, auctioneer. c2w47

HUNT FOR TOMATO CAN AND CHICKEN LEG

Last Friday evening the Cubs of the Second Newmarket Pack held a most successful "scavenger hunt." Each six were given five things to find and many of them were hard.

The Tawny Six were the first of the five back and were the winners. The Grey Six had to secure the signature of Chief of Police James Sloss. The Cubs walked into the police station and found the genial chief seated behind his desk. When the Cubs told him what they had to get, Mr. Sloss (who is always fond of boys) typed them a pleasant Christmas greeting and then signed it. One Cub was given permission to keep the letter and he said he wouldn't part with it for anything.

The winners were Tom Dales, Allan Hopper, Jim Rutledge, Bill Gilroy, Norman Baines and Bob Thompson. They had to get: A candy sucker from Cousins Dairy (this they couldn't buy), an empty tomato can with the paper label on it, an "old toothbrush," the comic strip, "Maggie and Jiggs," from Monday's Star, Dec. 18, (it must have the date), a soft drink straw from Hillsdale Dairy.

The second winners were Michael McCaffrey, Grant Blight, Ed. McGill, Ted Greenwood, Bill Thompson and Donald Woodward. They had to get: A calendar from Mr. Frank Courtney's home; an iron pipe; a weiner from Dominion Stores, and the signatures of the two butchers, a chicken leg from the meat department of Knowles' store, the signature of Dr. W. D. Muckle.

There will be a meeting this Friday at 7 o'clock sharp. Inspection will take place, so Cubs come prepared. Cubmaster—J. Hamilton.

Kaleidoscopic

The department store engaged an efficiency expert, whose obsession was to move the departments to different parts of the store every day. One day a section would be on the top floor, the next it would be in the basement, and on the third it would be placed where the restaurant had been.

After three weeks of this an old lady approached a harassed floorwalker and asked him if he could tell her where the draperies department was.

"No, madam," he said, wearily, "but if you'll stand here for a few minutes I'm sure you'll see it go by!"

Mistress—Did you put my blue evening dress into soak, as I told you?

Maid—Yes, mum; but they'd only give me half a crown on it.

CHURCHES

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 31, 1939

Pastor:
REV. A. GREER

11 a.m. Subject:—
"STOCK-TAKING"

7 p.m. Subject:—
"CASUAL CONTACTS WITH CHRIST"

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE—Commencing at 11 p.m. A good start in a race often assures the runner of first place at the tape. Let us all start the New Year with God, in the church.

WEDDING

Married at the manse on Thursday, Dec. 21, by Dr. D. McIntyre, Marino Manfredi of Welland and Miss Volga Torti of King township. Mr. Manfredi is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Pietro Manfredi of Welland and Miss Torti is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Siro Torti of King township. The happy couple will make their home in Welland.

HOSPITAL AID WILL MEET

There will be a meeting of the Hospital Aid in the council chambers on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 3.15 p.m.

MISSION CIRCLE ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Velma Widdifield mission circle of Trinity United church was held on Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. J. A. Maitland, Miss Viola Rae presiding.

Miss Grace Mills and Mrs. R. Peters took part in the worship service.

The study of India from the book, "Freedom," was given by Miss Clara Stark.

The election of officers resulted as follows: president, Miss Mary McClymont; vice-pres., Miss Viola Rae; secretary, Mrs. R. Peters; treasurer, Miss Arlene Smith; temperance secretary, Miss Grace Mills; community friendship secretary, Miss Edith McClymont; secretary of Christian stewardship and finance, Miss Arlene Smith.

The meeting closed with the usual social half-hour.

BIRTHS

Graham—In Mount Albert, Dec. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham, a son.

DEATHS

McCullough—At St. Joseph's hospital, Toronto, on Christmas day, Grace Stephenson McCullough, elder daughter of Sarah and the late William S. McCullough of 21 Maxwell, Ave., Toronto.

The funeral service was held at her late home on Wednesday. Interment Briar Hill cemetery, Sutton.

Traviss—At Toronto general hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1939, Victoria Sedore, beloved wife of George A. Traviss, of 198 Carlaw Ave., Toronto, in her 58th year.

Funeral service was held in Baldwin Free Methodist church on Dec. 22. Interment in adjoining cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late J. D. Davidson wish to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to their relatives and friends for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes extended to them during their recent sad bereavement.

In Memoriam

In memory of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Brown, who passed away Dec. 28, 1938.

Her smiling way and pleasant face
Are a pleasure to recall,
She had a kindly word for each
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Some day, we know not when,
To clasp her hand in a better land,
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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—Mr. and Mrs. W. V. White of Toronto spent Christmas with Mrs. White's sister, Mrs. R. W. Harland, and Mr. Harland.

—Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Sanderson and baby of Oberlin, Ohio, spent Christmas with Mr. Sanderson's mother and brother, Mrs. T. Sanderson and Mr. Harold Sanderson. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson are spending a few days in Toronto with Mrs. Sanderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stephenson, before returning home.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Tinegate and children of Welland spent Christmas weekend with Mrs. Tinegate's mother and brother, Mrs. T. Sanderson and Mr. Harold Sanderson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Coulson Cameron and daughter of Keswick visited Mrs. T. Sanderson and Rev. E. J. Sanderson on Monday evening.

—Mr. George Crowder of Saskatoon is visiting his mother, Mrs. H. J. Crowder, Millard Ave., for a few weeks. There was a family gathering at the home of Mrs. Crowder on Christmas day when other members of the family from out-of-town were present.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Collins spent Christmas day in Toronto with their son, Mr. Russell Collins and Mrs. Collins.

—Mrs. T. Mills, Victoria Ave., spent the Christmas holiday with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Thompson, Orillia.

Misses Miriam and Florence Trewhella of Toronto spent Christmas weekend at their home on Millard Ave.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Collins left on Christmas day to spend the winter in Florida.

—Mrs. Middleton of Toronto spent Christmas with her aunt, Miss Elizabeth Millard, Botsford St.

—Mr. Gordon Murray of Delhi spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Murray.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dolan of Toronto and Mr. Campbell Dolan of Perron Mines, Que., spent the weekend with Mrs. N. Yawman and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Mungovan.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Traviss, Miss Dora Traviss and Mr. Ernest Traviss spent the weekend in Delhi, Ont., with Mrs. Traviss' sister, Mrs. Emmerson Spence.

—Mr. and Mrs. Welly Stevens of Sharon and Mr. and Mrs. B. Patterson of Newmarket left on Tuesday to spend a few weeks in Florida.

—Misses Bernice and Marion Boden of Beeton spent the Christmas holidays with their cousin, Miss Mary Henry.

—Mrs. Robt. Graves spent Christmas weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Howard Pegg, Sharon.

—Mrs. Thomas Boden of Mount Albert and son, Lawrence, of Oshawa, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown and family of Toronto spent the Christmas holidays the guests of Mrs. W. C. Henry.

—Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Myers included their son, Pte. Percy Myers, Pte. and Mrs. Dennis Hogan and daughters, Maurenne and Joan, Miss Rosie Davis and her brother, Mr. Thos. Davis.

—Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Boyd, Huron St., on Christmas included Mrs. Boyd's brother, Charles, Stuart and Bruce Stouffer, Ringwood. Mrs. Boyd's uncle, Mr. David Stouffer, and Mrs. Stouffer, and Helen, Stouffville, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Niceley, Toronto, and Mrs. Boyd's uncle, Mr. Andrew Stouffer, and Mrs. Stouffer, Newmarket.

—Miss Ina Cryderman spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cryderman, of Baldwin.

—Mrs. George Myers and Mrs. Dennis Hogan and daughters attended the Christmas party given by the First M.T.V.R.D., Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, on Dec. 19.

—Mrs. W. R. Ashenhurst spent last Thursday in the city visiting friends and had dinner with her brother, Dr. D. J. Bagshaw.

—Mrs. W. R. Ashenhurst spent Christmas Day with her sister, Mrs. H. J. Crowder.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. Blizzard of Toronto were Christmas Day callers at the home of Mrs. W. R. Ashenhurst.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Beckett of Queensville had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Beckett's mother, Mrs. W. R. Ashenhurst.

—Mrs. H. J. Crowder and son, Mr. George Crowder of Saskatoon, had dinner with Mrs. W. R. Ashenhurst Wednesday evening.

—Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McCordick for Christmas included their daughter, Mrs. Donald Burns, and Mr. Burns, Toronto, Mrs. McCordick's sister, Miss Laura Thompson, Toronto, and their son, Mr. Lorne McCordick, Bolton.

—Corporal Victor Brydges, now of Oshawa, was a holiday visitor in Newmarket.

—Mr. Fleming Young was a Christmas guest of Mr. Guy Soules, Toronto.

—Mr. William Lindenbaum, Toronto, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. I. Lindenbaum are spending a holiday in New York city.

—Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Staples and daughter, Patricia, of Toronto, spent the weekend with Mrs. Staples' mother, Mrs. J. E. B. Wilson.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. Leach of Toronto were Christmas Day visitors of Mrs. J. E. B. Wilson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kershaw and family of Toronto spent the weekend with Mrs. Kershaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson.

—Mr. Gordon Thompson, of the Lorne Scots regiment, Toronto, spent a few days at his home this week.

—Mr. Law Chantler of St. Thomas spent Christmas weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Chantler.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Eves, Miss Doris Eves, Mr. Ronald Eves and Miss Lillian Daniel spent Christmas in Guelph, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. Lloyd.

—The Misses Henderson and Mr. M. F. McIntyre of Toronto spent Christmas Day as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Smith.

—Mrs. E. M. Harper of Kingston spent the Christmas weekend with her daughter, Mrs. N. Reay Spooner, and Mr. Spooner.

—Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCarnan and children of Trenton spent Christmas with Mr. McCarnan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCarnan, spending Tuesday in Angus and returning to spend the remainder of the week in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCarnan and Buddy and Mrs. A. Emmerson spent Christmas with Mrs. McCarnan's sister, Mrs. F. Porritt, Gilford.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Janes leave next week to spend a few months with Mr. Janes' brother, Mr. W. N. Janes, Santa Ana, California.

—Mr. James Seldon, who is attending Queen's University, Kingston, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Seldon.

—Mr. Fred DeBruyne of Wales, former teller at the Bank of Montreal here, spent the weekend with friends in town.

—Mrs. J. D. Rowland was a "Christmas" guest on Saturday evening of her sister, Mrs. A. E. Starr, and Mr. Starr.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blizzard and family of Bradford spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meads of Newmarket.

—Dr. Marjorie McIntyre and Miss Beatrice Anderson spent the holiday season with Dr. and Mrs. D. McIntyre.

—Mrs. Stella Boyd, Millard Ave., leaves this evening to spend the New Year's holiday with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Byrne, and family, of Temiskaming.

—Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Cock entertained Mrs. Cock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Shantz, of Kitchener, and Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Good and family, of Buffalo, for the Christmas weekend.

—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hebb and family spent the Christmas weekend with Mrs. Hebb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dingman, York Mills.

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bradley of St. Catharines will spend the New Year weekend with their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Holmes, and Mr. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Clarke and son, John, of Galt, are spending this week with Mrs. Clarke's mother, Mrs. Arthur Winn.

—Little Miss Carol Mann of Toronto is spending this week with her grandmother, Mrs. Arthur Winn.

—Mr. and Mrs. Morley Black and Mrs. Woodruff of Buffalo, N. Y., spent the holiday weekend with Miss F. Gleason and Miss Mabel Black, Timothy St.

CIVILIZATION

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man from his deliberate and his careless disregard for the recipe for the perfect life. They profess to wonder over God's seeming indifference to the sins of men, to the sufferings of men. They want God to strafe the Russians and the Germans and the Japanese. They forget that God has been watching man and his ways for, say, a million years, and that He may go on watching man and his ways for further millions of years. They want God to be obedient to their views and will concerning what should be done in 1940 — in the space of a single year. Why should the Creator of this world interfere in the working of His long-term plan for man in a particular month or year or century? How does our generation differ, in God's sight, from previous generations and from generations to come?

Believing as I do, I am not expecting God to answer prayers, no matter how fervent they may be, whose petition is that He should immediately do what the prayer beseeches Him to do. Yet I do believe that God answers prayer, but only conditionally, and one of the conditions is that the prayer is God-like in the quality of his life or purpose. God answers back to those of the Christ-spirit, to those in harmony with Himself.

I believe in the institution known as the Christian church, for the Christian church is—or should be—the interpreter of God to man. Yet, alas, organized Christianity—as organized in denominations or sects and as individual units or congregations—has not always had as its first and supreme purpose the interpretation of God's will concerning plan. Quite too commonly churches today are not greatly different from a social club, with the church edifice as the club-house.

We talk a lot about wars to end wars, but that is just folly. Just so long as men individually and in their grouping neglect or reject the God-plan of living, just so long will there be strife—war—in this world. We can talk all we like about democracies and totalitarian states, and about isms; but not until there is a universal purpose in all lands to pattern life on the God-plan can and will there be that state of affairs called the Millennium.

In the meantime there is obligation on the part of every individual to make his own life harmonize with the God-plan and the Christ example. When all is said and done nations are what the individuals are who compose them.

"MAN DOUBTS BECAUSE HE DISLIKES MYSTERY"

Christmas day was observed in the Presbyterian church last Sunday. In the morning the junior and senior choirs were assisted by Pine Orchard choir. The "Cantata Adoration" was rendered by the combined choirs to the delight of all.

In the evening there was carol singing, and a well rendered solo by Miss Mary Willis. The minister, Rev. Dr. D. McIntyre, gave a short sermonette to the children on the value of gifts and the gift God wanted. In the evening he spoke on the theme, "The mystery of Christmas," from the text I Timothy 3:16. He introduced his sermon by explaining the meaning of "mystery." He said that it was "information that we cannot find out for ourselves, it has to be told to us." "The birth of Christ was clearly told by the prophets, angels, shepherds and the wisemen from the east," he said.

"The mystery of the birth of Christ is a description of God's dealings with mankind all through history. Life is full of riddles that cannot be solved by the mind of man.

"Someone has to explain them, for example, evil, Satan, the personality of man, etc. There is enough told us to receive the approval of our understanding and the affections of our hearts. There is enough revealed to us for guidance but not for speculation. Mother Eve speculated and lost her bearings. Had more been revealed to us, man might be puffed up with pride and boast that he could comprehend the infinite. God intended that the gate of godliness should be a gate of humility. We are to admire the goodness of God, while we say with David, that His ways are past finding out.

"The mystery of the birth of Christ is the key to the Gospel doctrine of body and soul. When Christ wanted to deal familiarly with men he took on a human body. His soul chose the body, not the body the soul. It was not without a purpose that He chose a child's body. Hitherto men had ruled the world to its destruction. Now a child was to rule it for its salvation. Heaven was to be entered as a little child. The human body was necessary for the activity of the soul, both in earth and heaven. Christ lived and died in a human body and took it up to heaven with him. This Christmas day should help us to grasp the full meaning of the Gospel doctrine of body and soul.

"Mystery is the very condition of our being. Scientists may tell us that fact is the condition in which we live. Christ taught us that we have to do with both, but the world of mystery was far greater than the world of fact. The Christian life of the world has bankrupted itself by discarding the importance of the doctrine of mystery. The birth of Christ, being a mystery, is not accepted by many, on the same grounds the trinity, the atonement and the resurrection. Man does not like the doctrine of mystery because it hurts his pride and makes him feel his insignificance. He wants to conquer and free himself of all limitations. This sense of mystery overwhelms him and he would like to get rid of it.

"Man up through the ages has felt the mysterious pressure of God in his soul. His soul and body are so constituted that they need God. Job voiced the longings of the human race when he said, 'O that I knew where I might find Him.' Who has not felt the need of God in days of adversity, disappointment and death? Nothing less than the child of Bethlehem, the man of Galilee, will satisfy the deep longings of the soul. This fact makes the birth of Christ God's greatest gift to the world and should make this season of the year the happiest and the best. 'Great is the mystery of godliness—God manifest in the flesh.' "

Repartee

Just before the stage show closed, two chorines had a verbal battle in the wings.

"I've been arguing with you since the show opened," said one, "and I've had just about enough. You simply have no understanding of the finer things. Good living means nothing to you."

"That's a hot one," scoffed the second damsel. "May I ask where you get off to be so high hat?"

"You certainly may," replied the first. "It's because I have a fine background. I'll have you know that I lived at the best hotel in town all last winter."

"Yeah?" meowed the other. "And were the tips good?"

"Why have you no speedometer on your car?"

"I don't need one. At 30 miles an hour the lamps clatter; at 40 the wings rattle; at 50 the whole car shakes; and if I go quicker than that my teeth chatter."

A SURE WAY TO WIN WAR

By the Secretary of St. Paul's W. A.

Last spring a movement was organized in England, even before war was declared, to form a league of prayer and service, and members of organizations, throughout the empire, both men and women, were asked to join it by signing an enrolment card, detaching the lower portion and returning it with one's name and address to headquarters, to the vicar, St. Michael's, Chester Square, London, Eng.

Practically all the members of St. Paul's W. A. joined in May. On the one side was a short daily prayer and a still shorter one to be used at noon, whenever possible, and on the other side:

My Affirmation

I will try to pray daily for the peace of the world, believing that God wants me to do this, and so help to establish His Kingdom on earth. I will try to work for it in some of the following ways:

(a) By getting others to join the league.

(b) By showing goodwill in a practical way in all my dealings with others in my home, in my business and beyond.

(c) By befriending people in distress at home and abroad.

This affirmation is for private thought and resolve. In any case one would be a faithful member of the league if they use the daily prayer. In Toronto, on Thursday, Nov. 23, a meeting was called at the sisters of St. John the divine, representing all the Anglican churches of Canada, including Protestant churches, Roman Catholic, Jewish, organizations such as Red Cross Societies, I.O.D.E., Woman's Auxiliaries, Women's Institutes, Canadian clubs, Salvation Army, Girl Guides and many other organized bodies.

The Mother Superior presided and stated the reasons for the calling of the meeting. She explained that she had been asked to organize this "call to prayer" and suggested they use existing organizations instead of forming a new one.

The suggestion was that whenever women met together the peace prayer should be used, as well as privately in the homes of Canada. She proposed that such meetings should be stopped at certain times and the prayer offered . . . perhaps at ten or 11 in the morning, at three or four in the afternoon and at nine in the evening. This would ensure that everyone at the meeting, late-comers and those who left early, would be able to share in the prayer. She also suggested the prayer for 12 o'clock noon so that in this way the great power of intercession would rise throughout all Canada daily, as women met to carry on their normal activities.

The prayer was drafted from the prayer used by the League of Prayer and Service. It is as follows:

O God, the Father of us all, who hast made of one blood all nations of men, mercifully receive the prayers that we offer for our anxious and troubled world; for those who serve and all who suffer in the cause of war.

Send Thy light into our darkness and guide the nations as one family into the ways of peace.

Grant that all men everywhere recognize the need of God and turn to Thee.

Take away all prejudice and hatred and fear.

Strengthen in us day by day the will to understand one another, and to those who by their counsels lead the peoples of the earth grant a right judgment, that so through them, and us, Thy will be done. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The shorter prayer to be used at 12 o'clock noon (when possible) is as follows:

Give peace for all time, O Lord, and fill my heart and the hearts of all men everywhere with the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DRIVERS ESCAPE INJURY AS CARS WRECKED

Two cars were completely wrecked on Wednesday in a head-on collision on Avenue Rd., near Wilson Ave., when a southbound car, driven by J. A. Davison of Thornhill collided with a car driven by Harold Sears of Richmond Hill. Both drivers escaped with facial cuts. Sears was able to go home, while Davison went to the hospital.

Removing the Sting

President William McKinley was a kindly, gentle-natured sort of man, possessed with a rare talent for refusing a favor, when the need arose, without incurring bitterness or disappointment.

Once when he refused to grant a favor requested by a certain labor leader, the man was inclined to be sulky and truculent. The president told him how regretful he was to be obliged to refuse the favor, and, shaking the caller's hand, inquired if he was married.

On receiving an affirmative answer, McKinley removed a carnation from his buttonhole, and said, "Give this to your wife with my compliments and good wishes."

As he took the flower, the man said, "I would rather have this flower for my wife than the thing I came to get."

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

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takings which would build Newmarket as a shopping centre.

The following were the prize-winners: special prize, No. 1, to exhibitor coming longest distance, Mrs. Milton Green, Uxbridge; special prize, No. 2, for the best three dozen eggs, donated by A. E. Starr, Miss Ostley, Newmarket; special prize, No. 3, for the best finished pair of cockerels, donated by the Newmarket Farmers Co-operative Co., Albert Stickwood, Newmarket; special prize No. 4, for the best finished turkey, 12 pounds or over, donated by J. A. Perks, William Barker, Zephyr.

The list of winners of the other prizes follows: dressed turkey gobbler, Earl Cundy, Zephyr; William Sweezie, Newmarket, Wm. Barker, Zephyr; dressed turkey hen, Wm. Barker, Earl Cundy, Wm. Sweezie; dressed pair geese, Fred Johnson, Queensville, Mrs. Max Glover, Queensville, Wm. McClure, Ravenshoe; dressed pair ducks, Fred Hall, Newmarket, E. H. Fairbarn, Newmarket, Wm. Barker; dressed pair cockerels, Fred Jones, Brownhill, Ben Howard, Newmarket, Harry West, Newmarket;

Collection of six chickens, Fred Jones, Brownhill, H. Perrin, Newmarket, Mrs. A. Rutledge, Newmarket; best two dozen hen's eggs, white, Norman Still, Queensville, Silas Sennett, Queensville, Miss Ostley; best two dozen hen's eggs, brown, Mrs. Charles Denne, Charles E. Lewis, Harry West; five pounds dairy butter prints, Frank Holmes, Kettleby, Mrs. Max Glover, Stanley Shanks, Ravenshoe; six quart basket of Snow apples, Carl Cundy, Wm. Barker; six quart basket of Spy apples, Wm. Sweezie, Shirley Smith, Queensville; 6 quart basket, any other kind, Shirley Smith, Wm. N. Gibney, Newmarket; 6 quart basket carrots, J. E. Nicholl, Holland Landing, A. Barselaar, Newmarket; bushel basket parsnips, Harry Allin, Pine Orchard, A. Barselaar; bushel basket, potatoes, A. Barselaar, E. Breen; bushel basket, beets, A. Barselaar, W. N. Gibney.

IS IMPROVING

Mrs. J. E. Baker, who has been in the hospital for the past two weeks, returned home on Sunday evening. Mrs. Baker is improving.

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Mrs. Anthony Wolfe has been ill and spent Christmas in bed.



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Pay Tribute, Present Desk To Principal J. G. McDonald

Has Served As Principal 30 Years, Honored At Carol Service

Thirty years ago this December the members of Aurora public school selected as the successor to M. H. Thompson, the retiring principal, a young man from Vaughan township who was fast becoming recognized even then as a man gifted with that peculiar something which enables some teachers to win the confidence and respect of their pupils, and to rule the school by example and kindliness, rather than by what was then all too prevalent, the hickory stick rule. That young man was John G. McDonald, who through the years has just been known as "Mac" to over 11,000 pupils, and who has for that whole period of time remained at the helm of learning in the old brick building, which, like its two principals, has stood the test of time.

Last Thursday, with parents, one-time pupils, members of the clergy, and a whole array of prominent town personages present, in addition to the pupils, who had gathered to hear the singing of Christmas carols, and a lecture by an ex-pupil, Roland Hill, a surprise presentation was made to the popular principal, a tribute which delighted no one more than the 300 cheering, admiring pupils of the present day.

Chairman Dr. C. J. Devins who has just completed his 20th year on the board, 18 years of which he has been chairman, was in charge of the short but impressive ceremony.

Attention was drawn to the presence in the audience of Aaron Love, who at 93 is Aurora's oldest public official. Mr. Love was secretary of the school board at the time Mr. McDonald's appointment was made in 1909 and signed those historic minutes. His daughter, Miss Lois Love, who is assistant secretary and now carries on the main duties for her father, read the old minutes. A letter was read from James Crockhart, one of Aurora's most respected citizens, who was then a member of the school board, and who moved Mr. McDonald's appointment. "I count that I did a great benefit to the 11,000 pupils who have passed through the school since then," his letter read in part.

"This presentation is not a sad or serious occasion," said Dr. C. J. Devins. "Mr. McDonald is just at the peak of his career, we will hire him for another 30 years, and I hope he will accept the offer. He must, however, act the same, but with him there is no change except for the better."

Mayor J. M. Walton, who presented Mr. McDonald with a beautiful desk, paid tribute to "Mac's" ability and efficiency. "He who works upon the human mind and heart does a work that endures forever in ever widening circles. You have fulfilled the duties of a good teacher. You have been entrusted with the care of our most valuable property—the children of this town, and no one could have made a better job than you have done throughout all these years."

Obviously touched deeply by this unexpected gift, Mr. McDonald replied in suitable words, full of the well-known humor for which Mr. McDonald is known everywhere. "I shall always cherish this desk," said Mr. McDonald. "It is a fitting remembrance because I've been looking at a desk all my life. I suppose I should be old and decrepit now, but I don't feel that way. Teaching is not work to me. A principal can do little if he has not the complete backing of the board and the parents of the children, and it is one of the most pleasing things of my life to recall the complete accord I have received from both these bodies.

"I have always had a staff who were wholly loyal to me and to the school. It is no particular credit to the principal if good students are turned out, as they receive a good training throughout their stay with us from my colleagues. We have a good town, loyally British, with good water, high altitude, and a population that is law abiding, and anxious to give their children every advantage—all this good health, good home training and good example makes the teacher's life easier."

Frank Underhill, a member of the board, presented Mrs. McDonald with a bouquet of 'mums. "You have been an inspiration to your husband and have given him encouragement," he said.

Mrs. L. C. Lee and Rev. G. O. Lightbourn briefly eulogized Mr. McDonald's work.

IS ELECTED GOVERNOR OF GRAND COUNCIL

General J. H. Elmsley, former Aurora resident, was recently elected a governor of the council of the Canadian Corps association.

WOMEN PASS ST. JOHN'S COURSE EXAMINATION

On the Monday evening prior to Christmas, the members who took the course of the St. John's Ambulance corps, under the direction of Dr. Jas. Urquhart, which was sponsored by the Aurora Women's Institute, tried their final examination.

Dr. C. R. Boulding, M.O.H., was the examiner. Results of the examinations were highly gratifying, as practically all the candidates were successful in obtaining at least a pass mark, while many took honors.

Final standing will not be known for some days, but the successful candidates are: Mrs. G. Beach, Mrs. M. Rank, Mrs. J. M. McDowell, Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. T. Bates, Mrs. A. Reid, Mrs. A. M. Lawson, Mrs. E. Pinder, Mrs. J. Closs, Mrs. O. D. Hess, Mrs. F. Gray, and Misses M. Caruso, M. Graham, B. Andrews, H. Milsap, B. Frost, M. Moran, E. Moore, L. McDonald, G. Quantz, R. Rank, P. Snell and Marjorie Malloy.

MAYOR GIVES PRIZES

Awards were announced and prizes presented by Mayor J. M. Walton to those pupils of Aurora public school who were judged the winners in the royal visit scrap book contest, last Thursday. The contest was originated by Mayor Walton.

Betty Boulding, Reva Buckindale and Maurice Dodd received the awards, while honorable mention was given to the entries of June Caulfield, Mary Komar, Bruce Lubbock, Shirley Quinn and Christine Stephens. A special prize for a scrap book was also awarded to Peter Crysdale.

Bernice Doolittle won the prize for the best colored map of war-torn Europe. This was also the gift of Mayor Walton.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Muir McDonald, of Sydenham, was home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McDonald, Wellington St.

Miss Marion Thompson, who is Miss Marjorie Foy, R. N., of Bancroft, spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heary Foy, Metcalfe St.

Miss Helen Baycroft of Guelph spent the holiday with her mother, Mrs. H. J. Baycroft.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ward and daughter, Anne, of Lindsay, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Osborne. Miss Hilda Bridge, R. N., of Toronto, was also a guest at the Osborne home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bowman and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. O. Reynolds in St. Catharines.

Miss Kate Osborne, R.N., of Cornwall, spent the holiday with her mother, Mrs. J. Osborne, Spruce St.

Mr. W. Malloy and Miss Marjorie Malloy visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Prentice in Toronto for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hacking of Toronto spent Christmas with relatives in town.

Mrs. H. J. Bain spent Christmas in Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Thornton motored to Dundas for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fierheller and family motored to Maple for Christmas.

Miss Anne McPherson of Winnipeg was the guest of Miss Helen Patterson for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Beatty of Gravenhurst spent Sunday with Mrs. H. J. Bain.

Mrs. Kerr, who has been living in Brandon, Man., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. N. F. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeler and family of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Johnson.

Miss Verna Bryan, R.N., of Toronto, spent the holiday with her mother, Mrs. R. Bryan, Yonge St.

CALENDAR

Aurora High School Alumni Association are holding their annual dance in the high school auditorium on Friday, Dec. 29.

A big "fowl night" for the benefit of the Aurora junior hockey club will be held tonight in Mechanics' hall. Those in attendance may secure their New Year's dinner if they are lucky. The entertainment will start at 8.15, and there will be plenty of room for all.

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 9, John F. Clark will give an illustrated lecture in the town hall. All interested in flowers are invited to attend.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Verna Clubine of Toronto spent Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. B. VanLoon and son, Bill, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davis.

Mr. Stanley Walker spent Christmas in Burlington.

Miss Helen Nolan of Toronto is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Stoneman, for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. H. Bissette and son, John, of Midland, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker, Wells St.

Miss Mildred Walker of Toronto spent Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer and daughter of Toronto were the guests of Mrs. E. Quinn, Metcalfe St., for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Bryan of Toronto spent Christmas with Mrs. R. Bryan, Yonge St.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnston, Kennedy St., spent the holiday weekend at Kingsville, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. G. Wilson were in Hamilton for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lee of Toronto spent the holiday with their daughter, Mrs. James Morris, Wellington St.

Mr. Don Cowieson of Brantford visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cowieson, Temperance St., over the weekend.

Mr. Eric Smith of Kirkland Lake spent Sunday and Monday with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Smith, Spruce St.

Pte. Bruce Browning, R. C. A. S. C., spent Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Browning, Yonge St.

Sapper William Hadfield, R.C.E., spent the holiday weekend with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Banbury, Wellington St., spent the holiday with their daughter, Mrs. Walter Douglas, Glencairn Ave., Toronto.

Pte. Edward Chandler of the 9th Field Battery spent Saturday with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cole, Centre St.

Mr. Fred Case of Grimsby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes, Tyler St.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cole, Centre St., were in Schomberg on Sunday.

Mr. Bill King of Toronto spent the holiday with his mother, Mrs. W. C. King, Yonge St. north.

Mr. Alan Richardson of North Bay, who is attending the University of Toronto, was in town on Thursday and Friday of last week prior to returning to spend the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Richardson, former Aurora residents.

Mr. B. O'Brian of the local high school staff is spending the holidays at his home in Markham township.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ward of Lindsay spent Christmas in town with Mrs. A. Grieves.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Locke of Toronto spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Spence, Wellington St.

Corporal Robert Hacking, R. C. A. F., spent four days leave with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Hacking, Metcalfe St.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lundy of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Carberry, Wellington St.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Morton spent Christmas day in Mount Albert at Mr. and Mrs. Ira Morton's.

attending Ladies' College at Whitby, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Thompson, Victoria St.

Miss Gail Knowles and her grandmother, Mrs. R. Cockerill, spent Christmas with ex-Reeve J. A. Knowles and Mrs. Knowles in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirkland of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. James and children spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. N. Walton, Yonge St.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Lindsay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor and family and Misses Evelyn and Clara Taylor, all of Toronto, spent Christmas with their father, Major W. H. Taylor, Wellington St.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirkland of Toronto and Mrs. N. Walton spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. James, Briar Farm, Aurora.

Twenty-seven sat down to dinner at Mrs. George Foster's, Centre St., on Christmas Day. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Preston and family of Lemonville, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster and family, of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster and family, of Sutton, Mr. George Foster and family, of Aurora, and Miss D. Anderson, Sutton, Miss D. Sanderson of Lemonville, Mr. J. Jones, Gormley, and Mr. Dudley Foster, of Quebec City.

DOWN THE CENTRE

THE PASSING SHOW

C. W. (Can't win) Smith, the local boy who made good in a big way on the turf, is now in Cuba, and expects to resume his seat in the saddle this week. Charley suffered a crack-up on the last day of the Dufferin meet and has not ridden a race since then. The little fellow finished well-up in the front ranks of Canadian jockeys this season, and close students of the sport of kings believe that it will not be long before "Smitty" will be among the top-flight riders in the Americans.

Waterloo Siskins copped the S.P.A. title from the Brantford Lions, and we missed the boat. Aurora fans may take some consolation in the win, as in the whole series the local team held the kraut kids closer than any other outfit. Incidentally, Malcheske, the big defenceman of the Siskins, who was largely responsible for their win over Aurora, has had his playing card held up by the O.H.A. executive, as it is alleged that he is over age.

Bradford Intermediates will meet the local juniors in an exhibition tilt in the celery town on Friday night, and will likely play here either Monday or Tuesday of next week if the ice situation is satisfactory. Watch the billboards, and keep your ears open for this game!

Gar Preston is playing the best hockey of his career, and leading the quiet life since he took the leap into matrimony, according to Eric Smith, who was down home for the holiday. He says the Kirkland Lake blue devils will really win the Allan cup this year.

Bruce Browning, well-known local athlete, who is with the army service corps, expects to receive marching orders for destination unknown the second week in January. Bon voyage and safe return is the wish of all local sportsmen.

$22.89 was the munificent sum spent by this year's town council on parks and recreation. The screen for softball was a positive disgrace last summer and more than one game was lost because it wouldn't stand the gaff. We'd like to see an early start made next season to set up a real diamond in the local park. We'd also like to see a regular playground set up for the kids with sand-boxes, swings, etc., and supervised hours of play. All this could be done at a minimum of cost, and proper care, and stiff and swift action against any vandalism would enable a definite program of this sort to be carried out over the years that would keep youngsters off the streets, take the strain off many over-worked mothers, and pay off in big citizenship dividends in later years.

Big thrill of 1939, so far as Aurora was concerned, was the winning of the Junior C hockey title.

Big flop of the year was the fold-up of the town softball team in the industrial league play-offs against the Collis Leather company.

Best individual performances — Howard Folliott's record-smashing time in the 220-event at the high school field day, Bill Books' three-star performance on the links, Frankie Carr's master net-minding, and Wilf. White's scintillating catches throughout the diamond schedule.

Best team play and spirit—the Irondukes from the Fleury-Bissell plant, who gave the football and baseball fans action every minute.

Burchall of Uxbridge, who was the real reason for the rise to power of the Sutton greenshirts, is back again with Jack Sibbald's boys after an absence of three or four seasons. He should prove a real spark-plug for the Lake Simcoe club.

Aurora Junior Hockey Club netted the arena account $788.93 last year, and even allowing a deduction of the $150 grant to the team, which might well be regarded as an advertising investment, the resulting $633.93 was more than sufficient to cover the interest due on debentures and whatever charges might be made for depreciation. Other arena receipts could thus be classed as pure gravy for the town coffers. The addition of a new sportstimer, secured because of the success of the hockey team, gives the town an additional asset of $500 at an installation cost of about $75. A winning hockey team is a big asset to any town.

Brother Phillip of the Christian Brothers of De La Salle, who local sport lovers of 10 or 12 years ago will remember as the bashing second baseman of the Aurora baseball team, which boasted such other stars as "Dooley" Butler, and "Hec" Gordon, among others, is now a member of the teaching and athletic staff at Manhattan college, New York city. This is the college which has a big league basketball team that performs in Madison Square gardens. Phillip, whose family name before joining the brothers of La Salle was Overend, is the only player Aurora teams have been able to secure among the many fine athletes who are from time to time enrolled as students, or on the staff of the college on the pinnacle. If he had chosen baseball instead of teaching as his career he might well have made his way in professional ranks.

New sweaters in a new color scheme will be worn by the Aurora Junior hockey team in their clash against Bradford on Friday night. Santa Claus must have heard our plea! The body of the sweater will be pure white with shoulder stripes of brilliant red, and red lettering and numbers. This is much the same color scheme that the Aurora Junior lacrosse team wore over 15 years ago. It looks as though the colors were chosen to harmonize with that nifty paint job in Bert's barber shop. Bradford will be also decked out in their new regalia, which is blue and white. It's funny but it's true that a neat appearing outfit plays better hockey, and in doing so often looks more formidable than they really are.

Midland and Barrie may be allowed to drop back into C hockey with their B teams, according to the latest inside dope, which seems stretching things a bit far. The boys are reputed to be afraid of Owen Sound Greys, and the Sounders are having difficulty finding grouping. Both Barrie and Midland have fairly strong B teams, and though they mightn't win out, the smaller centres should be protected. Orillia might well be in B this year by all accounts and if population is to mean anything. Just how things will work for the locals will be known this week, but too late for this column. We'll give you the dope then! We'd like a winner again this year but if we can make a creditable showing in the higher series this season and come out in blue ink at the end of the season, the hockey executive will have won their spurs.

Buck Hayes is one official we'd like to see given a chance in O. H. A. refereeing. Buck is fearless, conscientious, efficient, and performs in big league style at any sport, and gives plenty of color to many a drab contest. We liked his work in the softball finals last year and he's done all right as a hockey official in the industrial league. We know there are those who think otherwise, but the majority are with the ayes in this case.

NONE OF LAST YEAR'S GRADUATES OF A. H. S. ARE AT UNIVERSITY NOW, PRINCIPAL REVEALS

"There are on an average of four or five of our graduates each year who further their education by entering university," Principal J. H. Knowles of the Aurora high school told The Era.

"However, of the graduating class of 1939, not one is in attendance at university this year," Mr. Knowles continued. "In some cases finances were responsible, in other cases it was felt that the pupils would benefit more if they were a little older before going into the field of higher learning. I know of at least three pupils who intend to go to university next year. The war, of course, may interfere with this, and also with whatever plans our graduating class of next year may have."

There are 17 pupils in various stages of university training at the present time, according to Mr. Knowles' recollection. These include: at University College, 4th year, Grace Hampton and Donald Webster; 3rd year, Jack Skinner, Earl MacNaughton; 2nd year, Bruce Smith, Robert Willis; at Wycliffe College, Roland Hill, 3rd year, and Reginald Eade, 2nd year.

At the school of medicine is Herbert Wallace, final year. At Victoria College, final year, Vivian Wilcox; 3rd year, Mary Miller, Mary Clarke, Beth Baldwin; 2nd year, Stanley Westcott, Enid Westcott, George Umehara; 1st year, Alan Richardson.

Donald Webster, who was only in attendance at the local school one year, was a member of the Varsity Intercollegiate senior football team, being a substitute back-fielder. Herbert Wallace, a nephew of Dr. C. R. Boulding, has been appointed an interne at Toronto General hospital. Bruce Smith is taking an aviation course at U. of T.

WILL REPEAT CONCERT

The Aurora Boys' Band, under the leadership of Robert Moore, will present a program of music and Christmas carols on Sunday evening in the Aurora United church. The congregation will join in song. This is the same program which won unstinted admiration at the evening service in Trinity United church, Newmarket, last Sunday.

CONCLUDE U. S. HAS MORE OPPORTUNITIES

On Friday, Dec. 22, the Aurora high school literary society held its first meeting of the school year. An inter-form debate between grade nine, represented by Raymond Cook and Dorothy Ball, and grade ten, represented by Mary Bowman and Vaughan Williams, on the subject, "Resolved that Canada offers greater opportunities to a graduating high school student than does the United States," was the feature of the day.

Mary Bowman opened the argument for the affirmative and maintained that as Canada was nearly as big as the United States, with a much smaller population, there was more opportunity for youth here. "Canada is a younger country, and a new country presents new opportunities," she said. She thought that the war would absorb many men now employed and school graduates would fill their places. She argued the United States had little room for expansion, and the "isms", strikes, bank failures, etc., in America were detrimental to opportunity.

Raymond Cook for the negative said, "The United States is at peace and likely to remain so. Peace gives the best opportunity, and if the war continues all our youth will be conscripted for active service, and not for work." There was more unemployment here proportionate to per capita, he said. The United States gave the gifted persons a chance they couldn't find in this country, in radio, music, literature, art, science, he thought, and illustrated his points with examples of expatriated Canadians who had made good in the U. S. A. "Americans will take a chance on new ideas, whereas we are more careful and slower to move."

Vaughan Williams traced the opportunity afforded in Canada in farming, mining, lumbering, fishing, and manufacturing as compared to those south of the border, and found Canada to be the best for youth.

Dorothy Ball said a large population meant more business and greater opportunity. She declared the United States to be "the most self-contained nation in the world." World trade meant more opportunities, and the States was fast moving into the lead.

The judges, Wilfred Adams, Miss Mary Clark and T. A. M. Hulse, gave a unanimous decision in favor of the negative team.

A group of Christmas carols including "Good King Wenceslas," "As I was watching o'er my sheep," "Deck the halls with holly boughs," and others were sung by the pupils under the direction of Hilyd Harris.

A short pantomime, "The Most Lamentable Tragedy at the Towers," was cleverly presented by a cast of school players under the direction of B. O'Brian, and included narrative reading. Margaret Walker; maiden fair, Floral Davis; the knight, George Armstrong; page, Bill Fry; the baron, Robert Burton.

A short informal dance, with music by the school orchestra under the leadership of John Sisman, brought the prelude to Christmas vacation to a close.

STOUFFVILLE LOSES LIFELONG RESIDENT

Born in the vicinity of Stouffville, and having lived there all her life, with the exception of about eight years which were spent in Toronto, Mrs. Joseph Cadieux died at her home in Stouffville on Saturday, in her 75th year.

Mrs. Cadieux was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Shelson. Her mother, who was also born in Stouffville, predeceased her by only a few months, at the age of 98.

Mrs. Cadieux had been confined to her chair for the past 20 years, but died after just an hour of illness.

Surviving, besides her husband, are one daughter, Mrs. Everton Smith, and three sons, Cyrelle and Edmund, of Stouffville, and Patrick of Paris, Ont.

Mrs. Cadieux was a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church of Markham. The funeral was held on Tuesday.

Interment was made in Markham cemetery.

Malloy Challenges Farr's Methods In Andrews Demotion

Mayor Predicts Utilities Commission For Town Ere Long

MAYOR ACCLAIMED

As a result of Friday night's nomination meeting the electors of Aurora will go to the polls on New Year's Day to elect a reeve, deputy-reeve and three public school trustees, all other members of council being returned by acclamation.

Mayor J. M. Walton will enter his eighth term of office as mayor, while the only new face among the councillors is Dr. G. A. C. Gunton, who succeeds C. E. Sparks, who decided to contest the deputy-reeveship. Other councillors are Ross Linton, Dr. E. J. Henderson, John Stuart, and A. J. G. Wilson.

The nomination meeting, which was held in Trinity parish hall, was not as well attended as in former years, when it was held in Mechanics' hall, but nevertheless the proceedings were the liveliest seen in town for some years. Chairman of the meeting was Clerk C. E. Willis. On the suggestion of W. J. Sisman, the retiring members of council spoke first and were then followed by the new nominees.

Mayor J. M. Walton, handicapped by a sore throat, spoke briefly, and announced that he would only remain as mayor if it was the unanimous wish of the people, or if some pressure was brought to bear upon him.

"I don't want to stand in the way of a younger, ambitious man," he said. "If I do stand, remember that if I go back, I'll get along with the boys pretty well, and they'll get along with me. This year I succeeded in restoring harmony in municipal

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OFFER SERVICES

Advertisements by two of the candidates stating their reasons for seeking election are found as follows: Chas. Malloy, for reeve, on the next page; C. E. Sparks, for deputy-reeve, page eight.

WILL PLAY EXHIBITION GAME ON TUESDAY NIGHT

There will definitely be a hockey match on Tuesday night. It is expected the opponents will be St. Michael's College.

The first league game takes place on Friday night, Jan. 15, against Kingsway.

Suggests Formation Of Ratepayers' Association

Pre-Election Meeting Urged By Aurora Merchant

Following the speeches at nomination by the candidates, F. D. Lacey asked Mayor J. M. Walton why a meeting of the ratepayers was not called prior to nomination, to discuss the business of the year and give the electors of the town a chance to learn exactly the true position of affairs. "I came late tonight and with so many versions being given of the various matters of public interest it is difficult to learn the real picture."

"Council has no responsibility in this matter," said Mayor Walton, "but I believe the idea is a good one. We are only required by law to hold this meeting."

"I believe a ratepayers' association should be formed this year," Mr. Lacey told The Era. "There are such associations in other towns and it works out well. It is impossible to get a true picture of the affairs of the town at a nomination meeting, when there are sometimes heated discussions. You can't take the town's financial statement and correctly analyze it in a few minutes. The result is that many of the electors don't really understand things. A meeting a month before the nomination meeting, or prior to the election at least, would give everyone a chance to learn the relative merits of the candidates and to get a full knowledge of the affairs of the town."

BABIES ARE CHRISTENED ON CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

The christening took place at Aurora United church on Sunday by Rev. E. J. Thompson, of Paul William Babcock, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Delroy Babcock, Wellington St., and Catharine Evelyn, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Andrews, Tyler St.

Health Forces Resignation Of Fire Chief Frank Rowe

Versatile Athlete In Youth, Served On Brigade 33 Years

Following a consultation with a Toronto specialist, Fire Chief Frank Rowe advised Mayor J. M. Walton on Saturday that he would be forced to submit his resignation as fire chief owing to ill health.

For 33 years Mr. Rowe has been an active member of the local firefighters and has been instrumental in promoting the best interests of the brigade, until today it is one of the finest in Ontario. On Dec. 15 Mr. Rowe submitted the annual report of the brigade to the town council, which showed the lowest fire loss in the history of the corporation. He was warmly commended by council for his efforts.

The Era is informed that Mr. Rowe has been advised to curtail all activities other than his employment. In his younger days, Mr. Rowe was one of the best lacrosse, soccer and baseball players in town, and for many years he has been active in fraternal and sporting organizations. His loss to the force will be keenly felt by his fellow members and by citizens at large.

THESE QUALIFIED

Candidates who qualified are:
Mayor: J. M. Walton (accl.)
Reeve: Charles Malloy, L. K. Farr.
Deputy-reeve: C. E. Sparks, H. J. Morton.
Councillors (5): Ross Linton, John Stuart, Dr. E. J. Henderson, Dr. G. A. C. Gunton, A. J. G. Wilson (accl.).
Board of education (3): Fred Davis, Dr. C. J. Devins, Hugh Bowman, Frank Underhill.

It is to be hoped that his retirement is but temporary, and that he will soon be able to again promote the best interests of the community.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

C. C. Usherwood, district representative of Premium Vacuum cleaners, has returned to town, and will again visit his friends in Aurora and Newmarket. Appointments may be made direct, or at T. Eaton order offices. cA2w48

PENTHOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY

BY MARY DICKERSON DONAHEY

Ted Harper's long legs took the stairs that led to the offices of the Conway Daily Post two at a time. At the top of the second flight the young reporter stopped. Disturbing sounds issued from the door to his right. He scowled, his thick brows almost hiding the twinkling little gray eyes on either side of his huge, shapely nose. That door led to the cubbyhole the managing editor had ordered cleared out as an office for Polly Pepper when she joined the staff.

At that time Mr. Ralph Wilton had the notion that brains make a girl unattractive. Since then he had been forced to change his mind. While Polly's talent and daring made her a success as a reporter, her wavy blond bob, her wide sapphire blue eyes, and her dainty figure had been so disturbing to the men who also worked on the sheet that her presence in the reporters' room had been deemed unadvisable. Miss Switzer, dour old society editor, had refused to share the office she had ruled for 20 years. Consequently, this scrap of a closet had been made into an office, and at once dubbed the Pepper Pot by the staff.

When the door was open, visitors were welcome. When it was shut, a typewriter clattered, and all might know that one of Polly's friendly, witty stories was being written. Ted, the staff artist, who accompanied Polly on many of her trips for news, who teased her, guarded her, adored her, noted that the door was shut, the typewriter silent, and listening he was certain he heard sobbing!

Gay sweet Polly crying, just before Christmas, too! Ted remembered that her father had died last July. Her home town, where her mother, grandmother, and a young brother lived, was far away. She had told Ted she could not afford to go home for the holiday. Something would have to be done about Polly!

He sped quickly up the second flight of steps until near the top; then he turned and began thumping down, yelling, "Aboy, there! The Pepper Pot!" at the top of his lungs.

The door opened a crack. "What do you want, wild hyena?" asked a voice that strove to be natural. "Can't come in. Busy—that's me."

"Then I'll sit down and scream on your doorstep! Can't get home for Christmas and I want sympathy in gobs!"

"Oh, Ted, I'm so sorry!" Polly forgot her own trouble and opened the door. "And you live nearby, too!" She almost added, "Your folks are well-to-do and they could send you money to come on," but she stopped in time. "What'll you do?" she asked aloud.

"Grouch and gloom. I suppose those wealthy friends of your mother's cousin's husband will carry you off for the day?"

"No. Cousin Amy wrote them, but they haven't come near. I'll be alone, too, and in a boarding-house! If Moms hadn't insisted on my living in one of the old-fashioned things! If I had a tricky little flat now, I'd have a party, for you and me, so we could weep sociably together!"

"Well," said Ted, who knew his Polly, though they had not yet worked together three full months, "at any rate I rely on you to rescue me! Remember! I'm going out on that Peters' story now. Come along with me and grab a bite before I start?"

"No. I'm not a gold digger, and I can't pay for my meals at Mrs. Lee's and restaurants, too; but I'll walk a bit with you."

One of her charms was that no one had to wait while Polly did a "full job of exterior decorating," as Ted called it. Now she flirted a powder puff over a slightly reddened nose, pulled on her fur jacket, her scarlet beret, and was ready.

Her evening was full. She reported the opening of the new Elks' club, a charity concert and an elopement. Towards midnight she sat down to do a feature yarn on Christmas shopping. Christmas was on Monday. This was Friday—practically Saturday. As her gift box had been sent home she had nothing to do but feel sorry for herself for the next few days. Christmas alone in a boarding-house!

Polly decided she must not feel gloomy, or a little sadness might creep into this story. That must be bright and gay. Oh dear, poor Ted was stranded too! She must do something for him! If she could only give a party! Mrs. Lee was just the way Mother Pepper had hoped she would be, very strict. Polly would have no chance to give any young man a Christmas party in her lovely room! If Mrs. Lee, too, were asked, but Mrs. Lee seemed sour and lonely. What did she do on Christmas?

Oh, Polly had an inspiration! She clapped her hands, finished her story in a whirl, and allowed the managing editor, Mr. Wilton, to take her out for an oyster stew when he went for midnight supper, and then escort her to her boarding-house.

Her working hours being so late, Polly Pepper rarely appeared at the breakfast table. In fact, Mrs. Lee had been so far beguiled from her rules that Laurabelle, who who adored Miss Polly, was frequently allowed to carry up a tray with orange juice and coffee. Mrs. Lee had even been known to carry up that tray herself!

She did it the morning after Polly's inspiration. Mrs. Lee was feeling very blue, and she had a vague notion that the sight of pretty, tousled Polly in the frivolous pyjamas would help her.

"Christmas always makes me sad, my dear," she said, as she seated herself comfortably and prepared her handkerchief to catch a few helpful tears. "When I think of the old days! This house all new and shining, and three servants for much less work than two do now, and guests I invited. Not a soul I had to keep whether I liked 'em or not! Oh, well, dearie, remember, all is vanity! I give my big family a turkey dinner at two; so's Laurabelle and Jerusha can get off to go home for a bit, and then I go into my room and cry!"

"Oh, that's no nice way to spend Christmas!" announced Polly, just as if it was not the very way she had contemplated spending it herself. "I tell you, Mrs. Lee, let's have a Christmas Eve party. We'll have so much fun you won't want to spend the next night crying!"

"The way prices are going up—" began Mrs. Lee warily. Polly laughed at her, and argued with her.

That noon when Ted bounded up the stairs towards the Pepper Pot, he heard no sobs, but laughter.

"Ted, look—the presents I've already bought! What for? Why for our party tomorrow night, our Christmas Eve party, up in my personal penthouse! Oh, now listen. I've fixed it up with Mrs. Lee and the city editor both. Mrs. Lee has 15 boarders and only five have invitations. The rest fell for my plan. Strictly co-operative, old dear, except you and I do the planning, and you be Santa Claus. My, my what a lot of padding you will need! Do you know, Mrs. Lee got so enthused she offered to make some of her grandmother's Christmas cookies, Laurabelle and Jerusha offered their services, that pretty little Mrs. Evans says she'll help me make popcorn balls and that she's a master hand at fudge, and stiff old Mr. Jarvis quite unbent! Said he'd never known a proper Christmas without hickory nuts and butternuts, and he'd comb the town for some. Everyone gives a dime for a present and a nickel extra to get things for Mrs. Lee and Laurabelle and Jerusha. I tell you we're off to a flying start!"

Mrs. Lee's entire boarding house grew gay with excitement. It became more homelike than it had had ever seemed before. People whispered secrets behind doors, giggled in halls. Packages were smuggled about, bits of gay ribbon or twine gleamed on the floors, tissue paper crackled excitingly, and the smell of Christmas spread through the high dingy old ceilings.

Old Mr. Jarvis, the star boarder, had not only donated the nuts, but had cracked them, in spite of brown stains on his well-kept hands. He had also sent in a bigger tree than Polly had hoped for, with holly wreaths, and branches of pine and balsam.

Polly laughingly announced that from the looks of the piles of goodies, she thought their druggist, mild Mr. Minter, ought to furnish free dyspepsia tablets. Mr. Minter, who was terribly literal, actually did send over an assortment of seven kinds at once, making even Mrs. Lee shake with laughter.

The men had indeed put the tree in Polly's penthouse, it being so tall it would fit nowhere else. Polly's penthouse amused her because it was as big as her Pepper Pot of an an office was tiny. She got it very cheap because it was cold and the stairs so steep. She adored it as it was odd and big and quiet. In front was a funny, long window, set very low, above which she had nailed up some bookshelves herself. To the west were two dormer windows, each making an alcove, while opposite was a big casement window, arched at the top, showing a far-flung view of the city. The tree stood against that window tonight, with a background of starry winter sky. Polly had decked it only with icicles and sparkly snow, lighted it only with blue and green bulbs, so it twinkled and shone.

Across from it, between the dormer windows, was the open-faced Franklin stove, which Laurabelle crept in every morning to light. Now it was glowing with a huge coal fire as cheery as any Yule log. The rest of the room was lighted with candles.

The guests were coming! Polly ran to meet them. "Merry Christmas!"

Old Mr. Jarvis, looking at the friendly young face, the pretty little figure in scarlet lace, with holly at shoulder and waist, said gallantly, "My dear, you are the very spirit of the day."

The guests were all in and disposed on converted bed, chairs, trunks and padded and chintz-covered boxes. The very lanky Santa Claus had emerged from Jerusha's room, followed by Jerusha and Laurabelle, giggling profoundly. From a pack, suspiciously like a pillow-case, Santa Claus began distributing funny gifts with side-splitting comments and here and there a jingle or a bit of song.

Mr. Jasper and Mrs. Lee started charades. Two rather awkward young men produced a banjo, a guitar, and two unexpectedly good voices. Mrs. Evans astounded everyone by a really thrilling recitation of "The Night Before Christmas."

"I declare I never did laugh any more, even in my better days!" said Mrs. Lee.

Polly glowed. These words were praise indeed! She ran out to give the signal to Jerusha and Laurabelle. In came pitchers of scarlet cranberry punch, popcorn balls, fudge, cookies, well cracked nuts — yes, even Mr. Minter's dyspepsia tablets, tastefully arrayed upon one of Polly's own treasured plates.

As the guests ate, and the goodies grew less, they grew quiet. Suddenly, from a church nearby, bells rang out. It was midnight!

"Merry Christmas!" they all shrieked together, to one another, to the very walls about them.

As that last gale of merriment died, Mrs. Lee said, "Well, I'll sleep tonight—this sort of happy tired is good for a person."

The guests began to make polite adieus, when suddenly a big, strong contralto, rich and sweet, came up from the shadowy hallway, "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

The singer was fat Jerusha, singing from the depths of an honest friendly heart. Everyone listened in delight, but when she had finished, no one asked her to sing again. To each, it seemed as if somehow that glorious hymn had been the proper ending to their frolic. They thanked her gravely, and began to file down the narrow stairway more quietly than they had come up, and even more happy.

"Of course, Mr. Santa Claus," Mrs. Lee said to Ted, "you are to come to our Christmas dinner. Jerusha says you're to have your choice of the turkey. It's just a shame you two young people have to work, but of course if we didn't get the news next day, we'd very likely think it was awful! Anyhow, I want you to know you've given us the best Christmas we ever had in this house—yes, I'm counting old days too. I guess we didn't get enough young folks around us, Mr. Lee and me. This party was a real sweet thought!"

"It was that, Mrs. Lee. But it was all up to our Lady Christmas here. I just obeyed her orders. Thank you. Surely, I'll be here for dinner, and I order a drumstick and the wishbone this minute! And we don't really mind working one bit, do we Polly?"

"No," said Polly, her eyes shining happily. She followed Ted down a step or two and whispered, "And you're not in the doleful dumps at having to miss your own Christmas at home, are you, Ted? Have I helped you?"

"Sure have! Say I'm glad it happened this way — and Mom wired that if I came New Year's instead, I'd better bring you along. Dad'll drive up after us."

"Oh, Ted, what joy!"

She would have been astounded had she seen him scowl as he stepped into the clear, winter night. "Now," murmured Edmund Malling Harper to himself, "may all the spirits of all Pa's holidays keep that independent girl from finding out that I gave up my home Christmas of my own accord, to give her a hand when she needed it! But, oh, boy! wasn't it worthwhile?"

VICTORIA SQUARE

TALENT DISPLAYED IN CHRISTMAS PLAY

As the old year draws to a close, local organizations have been busy electing new executives for 1940. Those in charge of the Women's Missionary society activities of the United church will be: hon. pres., Mrs. Ida Nicholls, Miss Hannah Hopper, Mrs. Wilmot Brumwell, Mrs. Thos. Reid, Mrs. Elizabeth Boynton, Mrs. George Brown; president, Mrs. Heber McCague; vice-presidents, Mrs. Margaret Haig, Mrs. Ross Nicholls; secretary, Mrs. R. F. Boynton; treasurer, Mrs. Ross Klink;

Secretary of Christian stewardship, Mrs. R. F. Boynton; finance committee, Mrs. L. L. Nicholls, Mrs. Ida Nicholls and Mrs. Wm. Smith; secretary of temperance and Christian citizenship, Mrs. H. Acreman; secretary of Missionary Monthly, Mrs. Stanley Boynton; committee of friendship and Associate Helpers secretaries, Mrs. McRoberts and Mrs. Macdonald; mission band secretary, Mrs. Margaret Haig; assistant, Mrs. H. F. Collard; baby band secretary, Mrs. Robt. Beatty; advisory president of Mission Circle, Mrs. H. F. Collard; pianists, Mrs. R. F. Perkins and Mabel Sanderson; press secretary, Mrs. Herb Smith; supply secretary, Mrs. George Dennis; supply committee, Mrs. McRoberts, Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Valliere; social committee, Miss M. Sanderson, Mrs. E. Caseley and Mrs. Herman Mortson.

At the last regular meeting of the Women's Association the following members were appointed to the 1940 executive: president, Mrs. E. Caseley; first vice-pres., Mrs. H. F. Collard; second vice-pres., Miss Mabel Sanderson; secretary, Mrs. Ross Nicholls; treasurer; Mrs. Herman Mortson; grounds committee, Mrs. H. F. Collard, Misses Mabel Sanderson and Mabel Caseley; visiting and flower committee, Mrs. Ross Klink, Mrs. H. G. McCague, Mrs. R. F. Perkins;

Church decorating committee, Miss Mabel Caseley and Mrs. Harry Forster; temperance, Mrs. H. G. McCague; League of Nations, Mrs. P. W. Willows; pianists, Mabel Sanderson and Mrs. R. F. Perkins; song leaders, Mrs. H. G. McCague and Dorothy Oliver; auditors, Mrs. A. Buchanan, Mrs. Lena Meek; group leaders, Mrs. H. F. Collard, Mabel Sanderson, Mrs. A. Buchanan, Mrs. George Dennis.

The Sunday-school teachers and scholars held their annual Christmas tree in the community hall on Saturday evening, with the usual large crowd on hand to encourage the little people in their stage efforts. Songs, drills and dialogues followed in rapid succession and each number was splendidly given.

The program closed with a two-act play entitled, "Christmas at the Stebbins'." The fashionable Mr. and Mrs. Raymond are driving home to the city on Christmas Eve and are caught in a blinding snowstorm and are compelled to seek shelter at the farm home of the Stebbins. Mrs. Raymond finds their code of living so below what she is accustomed to in her city clubs that she is bored to distraction. However the simplicity and kindness of the Stebbins finally convert the Raymonds to the idea that the simple, wholesome life is the best after all.

Mrs. Raymond was skilfully portrayed by Mrs. Paul, who gave an excellent performance, very ably supported by W. J. Stansbury as Mr. Raymond. Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins were well taken by Jas. Valliere and Mabel Caseley. Their son and daughter were played by Ian Macdonald and Doris Knapp. Other parts were: Mrs. Stebbins, Sr., Dorothy Oliver; maid, Viola Avison; hired man, Andy Forson; adopted son of the Stebbins family, who turns out to be the son of Mrs. Raymond's dead sister, was well taken by Leslie Hart.

Mrs. Paul and Mr. Stansbury are both newcomers to the community and everyone hopes to have a further display of their dramatic ability in the near future. Miss Mabel Sanderson and R. F. Perkins produced the play.

The Y.P.U. at the United church on Sunday evening was in the charge of the Christian culture convenor, Mabel Caseley, and a good crowd was on hand to enjoy the splendid program. An excellent topic was given by Ruby Avison on Christmas customs in various countries. Gwen Smith sang two lovely solos, accompanied by Jean Macdonald, and Isaac Williamson gave a reading.

The local school teachers, Misses Holden, Poole and Bacon and Mr. Clubine are spending the Christmas vacation at their respective homes.

Messrs. John and Isaac Williamson of Pickering College are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris and children of Bradford were Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caseley.

Dec. 22.—The Y.P.U. meeting was well attended on Sunday evening. The president, Fraser Gee, presided over the meeting and Viola Avison read the beautiful story, "No Room in the Inn." Bonnie Robertson gave a reading and Marian and Walter Smith sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

A beautiful White Gift service was held in the Sunday-school on Sunday afternoon.

Nearly everyone in the community, both young and old, is busily engaged with Christmas entertainments. Miss Holden and her pupils held their concert on Wednesday evening. Miss Poole and Mr. Clubine had their entertainments in their respective schools on Thursday night. Unfortunately they both chose the same night so many people who are accustomed to attending the concerts in both of these schools could only attend one this year.

Dan Cupid kept Rev. Mr. Macdonald busy last Saturday when two weddings were held at the parsonage, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Miss Mary Fuller and Miss Elaine Beatty were the happy brides.

Miss Bonnie Robertson and Chas. Stansbury visited Miss Mabel Caseley on Sunday.

Ross Middleton, who spent a number of years working for local farmers, left for overseas last week with a group of the 48th Highlanders. The good wishes of his many friends at the Square go with him on his voyage.

The Buttonville branch of the Women's Institute will hold another of their delightful euchres and dances in the Square hall, Thursday, Dec. 28.

The local Junior Farmers and Institute will hold their December social evening on Friday, Dec. 29. There will be euchre and dancing and a good time is assured for all who attend.

A coming event of interest is the Junior Farmer's annual banquet, which will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

POTTAGEVILLE

MISS V. ALLEN IS Y. P. U. PRESIDENT

The S. S. No. 13 concert held last Monday was a great success. There was a large crowd in attendance. Rev. J. Galloway of the Second Baptist church of King was chairman. There were many good plays, recitations, musical selections, and last, but not least, Santa Claus, who distributed gifts to all the children and many grown ups. Great credit should be given Miss V. Allen, the teacher, whose tireless energy made the evening a great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. West and daughters, Kathleen, Hilda and baby Barbara, spent Christmas with Mr. West's parents in Toronto.

Miss V. Allen will spend the Christmas week with her parents at Alliston.

On Dec. 20 the Y. P. U. held its meeting. Rev. W. J. Burton read the scriptures and gave a talk and a reading. "A New Christmas," was given by Miss Helen Jarvis. The rest of the evening was given to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: president, Miss V. Allen; vice-pres., Leland Paton; secretary, Harold Funnell; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Rose; Christian culture, Ed. Houghton; fellowship, Everton Paton; citizenship, John Wilson; missions, Miss Helen Jarvis; social convenors, Miss Rida Houghton, Howard Paton and Albert Lath; pianist, Ed. Houghton; assistant pianist, Helen Jarvis. The Y. P. U., financially, is sound, with a good balance. "Progressive" is the slogan for 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton and daughter, Edith, and Mr. and Mrs. Burgin of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. T. Williams last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Williams spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. Hilborne of Kettleby.

Mr. and Mrs. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Emmerson, Mr. and Mrs. Green and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bromly, all of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Emmerson.

The United church Sunday-school was well attended on Sunday morning, especially by the children. Mr. Geo. Hutt read the scripture, taken from Isaiah 56.

Christmas recitations were given by many of the young children. Christmas carols were sung by the Sunday-school, accompanied by the pianist, Miss Helen Jarvis. A small choir, consisting of the younger boys and girls, sang a Christmas hymn, "Silent Night," accompanied by Mrs. A. Archibald at the piano.

The mixed choir sang "The Gospel Bells are Ringing," accompanied by Mr. E. Houghton at the piano. Mr. Harold Stone sang a solo entitled, "O Come All Ye Faithful," accompanied by Mrs. Stone at the piano.

George and Jack Stone played "Away in a manger," with their cousin, Ross Charlton, singing. The Stone boys also played one of Mozart's selections and "Silent Night" and several other lovely Christmas carols which everyone enjoyed.

Afterwards presents were given to those that attended Sunday-school most regularly through the year. A. Archibald played Santa Claus, with the help of Everton Paton, giving the children their bag of candies off the Christmas tree.

Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cole and Mrs. Jos. Frizzell of Woodbridge spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Jarvis and Miss Helen Jarvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Froggatt went to Toronto on Friday to stay for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brown and Mrs. S. Funnell of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Funnell last Monday.

Sunday-school was well attended at the United church on Sunday morning. Rev. W. J. Burton taught the Bible class.

Mr. Burton conducted the worship service, his sermon being on the spirit of Christmas, "Peace on earth, goodwill to all men."

Howard Paton rendered a solo, "O God of Love, O King of Peace." The choir rendered an anthem, "Jesus Blessed Jesus."

The Y. P. U. held its usual meeting with a good attendance. Leland Paton took charge. Miss V. Allen read the scripture lesson. The topic, "What is true success," was given by Cecil Dove, readings by Leland Paton and Miss Helen Jarvis. A duet by Rida Houghton and Ed. Houghton with Miss V. Allen at the piano closed the meeting.

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I take this opportunity of asking for your support for the office of reeve, as I may not be able to contact all the electors personally. I also desire to place before you my reasons for being a candidate in order that there may be no misunderstanding.

1. For four consecutive years I had the honor to serve you as deputy-reeve at York county council, during which time I faithfully attended each session and represented your interests to the best of my ability. My severest critic must admit that I was able to secure for Aurora full consideration on all its county problems, and also to save this town considerable sums of money, particularly in the field of secondary education. Aurora was also honored on many occasions by being chosen as the site of important county celebrations. I was also honored by being selected for important county honors. During the whole period of time I sat in county council I was able to work in harmony with the representatives of other municipalities and to secure good will for Aurora.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SEND TO COUNTY COUNCIL A MAN WHO WILL HAVE THE RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE OF HIS FELLOW MEMBERS.

2. This year Mr. J. A. Knowles, who was my colleague for many years and who served this town faithfully and well, as did his father before him, secured a well merited county appointment. His resignation was tabled in council in October but was not accepted until Nov. 6. County council was scheduled to meet shortly and although under the Municipal Act Aurora had power to have one of its members of council fill the vacancy, no action was taken definitely and Aurora only had one representative at this most important session of county council, the one from which at nomination my opponent claimed to have received the most benefit. At the Dec. 15 meeting of council no member (including my opponent) declared his position. I announced in the press that I would be a candidate three days previous to nomination. I was thus first in the field and did not cause this election.

3. As a result of not securing the contribution expected from the county for secondary education it is now proposed to issue $1,600 in town debentures to cover this deficit. I feel that if this matter had been properly handled at county council, and your repesentative on the educational committee (Mr. Farr) had acted promptly, such procedure would not have been necessary.

EFFICIENT REPRESENTATION MAY STILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

I will support any legislation at county council towards the creation of high school areas in accordance with the county auditor's report if such legislation will prove beneficial to this town.

4. During the years I sat in the council of this town I served on every committee and I have a full knowledge of the town's affairs. My record will stand full inspection.

REMEMBER NO COUNCIL IS CONTROLLED BY ONE MAN AND CHANGE CANNOT BE MADE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OTHERS.

In all the years I sat in council I gave credit where credit was due and did not seek personal glorification.

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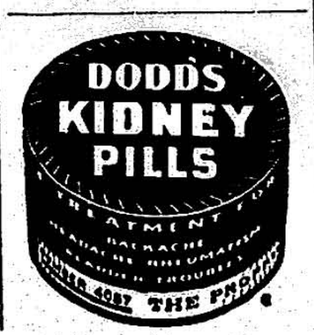
North Gwillimbury Township

A list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes has been prepared and copies thereof may be obtained from the treasurer, W. Erwin Winch, Belhaven, and the list is being published in the Ontario Gazette; and that in default of payment of the taxes, the lands will be sold by public auction on Saturday, Jan. 13, 1940, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the community hall, Belhaven. W. Erwin, Winch, treasurer. c16w33

Sit-Down

Q.—How's business at the factory?

A.—Fine. In fact, there's so much doing that we had to put in 3,000 more chairs and 3,000 extra cushions last week.



SLAPS 'N' SCRAPS



HERE THERE EVERY-WHERE

By Ralph M. Adams

To all the sporting fraternity and all my other friends this column extends the compliments of the New Year, including the best of luck for the next 12 months.

Now is the time for all the resolutions, good and bad, to be made. My sole endeavor in this direction is to be able to give the sporting public a better slant on things in this neck of the bush and improve this column over the past year.

Gol' dang it, I didn't get my magnifying glass for Xmas. After the plea my dear colleague made to Santa I thought it would be in my stocking for sure. So I guess I will be as blind for the next year as I have been for the past (at least, my colleague implies I am blind).

Well our junior entry took to the ice in the home town arena last nite and for the first time out didn't look too bad, some 15 turning up for the first go of the season.

One feature of the practice was the presence of "Whitey" Bone on the defence. The big blond was turning it on for so early in the season.

Yours truly was talking to Bill Wilson, erstwhile Young Ranger and Auroran, who is performing for Palmer in the mining league in the north country and he reports that "Red" McArthur, former Redman, is playing and coaching in the same loop and is going great guns.

Newmarket's gift to Marlboros, Hughie Mair, also home for the Yuletide, says that their club is just waiting for the return game with the Oshawa Generals. Hughie claims they were outlucked when they lost the first encounter by the odd goal.

As Mair says, "Look out for the Dukes when we get serious." Funny thing is this column does believe him when he says that, as I believe the Dukes will be in there scrapping at the finish.

Something the scribe has had on his mind for a long time—WHAT ABOUT THE TOWN HOCKEY LEAGUE — I haven't noticed where there have been any league meetings for the coming season or are we going to have a league this year?

Come on, fellows, are you going to let the town league die naturally or is it going on to a bigger and better winter of mercantile hockey?

I hear the town will not be represented this winter if there is a league, but I think the bugle band would be willing to enter a squad, as they did in the softball last summer.

Don't forget the opening game of the junior schedule on the fourth of January against Sutton. I haven't been able to find out the strength of the Greenshirts but you can bet dollars to sinkers that they will not be push-overs.

Along the grapevine — Harvey Gibney, Redman winger of last season, went to London to play with the Mohawks and found them real traders. They wanted plenty for nothing, nice thing this amateur hockey. Incidentally Harvey is back in the old burg and I wouldn't doubt the Sutton intermediates have another winger.

Now that ice has apparently arrived, don't forget, you fans, that we have a scrapping little hockey squad to back this winter, so let's see plenty of the old oomph at the games....We notice that an old friend of Chart Holmes has been appointed to the athletic commission in the person of Touch Woods of St. Catharines....He is certainly no "Yes" man to anybody, so perhaps some of the athletes that have been missing out because they didn't have the right connections (with the executives) will get a few of the breaks....We certainly hope so....Herbie Cain is still one of Art Ross's white-haired boys and one of the Bruins' leading snipers....Bill Thoms is at present playing under difficulties with an injured back. About time the Black Hawks gave Bill a rest....Larry Molyneaux is turning in a nice steady game on the Cleveland Barons' blueline and should have a banner season with his change of scenery....And so the grapevine withers until the new year....Happy New Year to everybody.

The Season's Compliments and A HAPPY and SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR to all Officers, Members and Friends of the R.S.A. Bugle Band.
JIM BRADFORD, SR. & JR.

PEPPER AND SALT

By Pep.

At this time of the year every sports writer takes his diary in hand and reviews the top-flight accomplishments of the annum in the world of sport. Just now the only sport world my diary concerns itself with is the one centring the hub.

It reports:

Bill Jelley as the standout luminary of the year, winning the N.H.S. junior track and field championship, with 48 out of a possible 50 points, the inter-school crown with 44 out of 50 and cashing in on a gold medal for trust-busting three inter-school records. Bill reached the high-water mark in accomplishment.

In the softball picture, the Newmarket Redmen copped the district championship in some rousing series with Richmond Hill and the Sutton Greenshirts. This season they shifted their tepees to the fair grounds ball park.

The Bugle Band nine staged a couple of uphill fights to win the town softball crown. At a banquet in celebration of their efforts the boys received crests, commendations and wish-bones for their swell efforts.

The ladies made their first appearance in the role of ball players and put on a swell act (no fooling). Next year they expect to procure uniforms from the proceeds of their shindigs.

Joe Spillette gave the local boxing fraternity its first taste of arena mitt slinging with some good autumn cards. Kings for a night were Tom Burke and Johnny O'Connor, home-grown proteges of the manly art. Boxing should go over in a bigger way in 1940 as a result of the experience gained from these feeler jousts.

The fizz of the year was provided by the intermediate hockey team which bowed out early in the quest for honors. Sutton Greenshirts won the local set-up.

Coming up to date, the first Junior C puck aggregation ever to represent Newmarket was organized in an attempt to recapture the glory of a few years back by building up another Memorial Cup squad.

NORTH GWILLIMBURY

ROAD CONFERENCE CANCELLED FOR 1940

The final 1939 meeting of North Gwillimbury township council was held at Belhaven on Friday, Dec. 15. While the meeting was carried on the treasurer was doing a brisk business receiving payment of taxes.

Communications from the department of highways were read to the council, giving notice of a complete change in the system of road accounting, also of a new policy concerning subsidy in purchases of machinery. Notice was given of the cancellation of the 1940 conference of road superintendents. A message of cheerful greeting was received from Harry T. Babb.

A number of resolutions were put through adjusting minor details in tax accounts. Dr. O. M. Beattie, health officer, paid the council a brief visit.

Accounts passed for payment were: K. M. R. Stiver, legal, $48; Taylor's ambulance, $8; Dr. O. M. Beattie, M. O. H., $156.25; W. E. Morton, board of health, $16; F. Peel, board of health, $16; Murray Munro, board of health, $68; Lloyd Stiles, sanitary inspector, $53; Holborn's Hardware, $1.40; Village of Sutton, court house rental, $20.75; Dr. F. G. Pim, $51; Dr. O. M. Beattie, $6; Mrs. McGinn, nursing, $23; Mrs. A. Stevenson, nursing, $20; J. Sheppard, truant officer, $20; York county, hospitalization, $21.95; Russell Glover, sheep claim, $10; E. Hamilton, valuing sheep, $2; Carl Morton, police duty, $75; Newmarket Era, $235; A. R. Morton, overbid, $121.76; E. Winch, tax sale costs, $41.30; W. E. Morton, $115; Ross A. MacMillan, $115; J. Smith, $115; H. H. Glover, $115; J. E. Hopkins, $115; E. Winch, treas., $185; F. Peel, clerk, $250; E. Winch, collector, $150; J. W. Hirst, D.R.O., $9; John Morton, D. R. O., $9; N. Doyle, D.R.O., $9; W. Pardee, D.R.O., $9; H. Horner, D.R.O., $9; Murray Munro, D.R.O., $9; S.S. No. 2, poll booth, $4; S.S. No. 7, poll booth, $4; Mrs. W. Barker, tax refund, $2; Jas. Stevenson, stamps, $6; road voucher No. 2, $1,864.16.

Welfare accounts, J. E. Baines, $30.32; Wm. Kelly, $1.50; Sutton Dairy, $35.15; Mrs. A. Marritt, $16; Archie Smith, $10; Mrs. McGenerty, $5; M. W. Connell, $2.50; C. E. Pollock, $20; J. W. Hirst, $9.15; Canada Bread Co., $12; East Gwillimbury, $3.08; C.N.R., $6; C. Chappelle, $3; A. Wallnck, $17.68; Cook's Bakery, $12.97; Sam Hurwich, $31.05; Carl Kellington, $15.24; R. J. Stork, $23.15; Jas. Stevenson, $26.33; Arcade Store, $17; Dr. Learoyd, $3.50; E. P. Crittenden, $13; H. Ross, $11.94; C. Pringle, $14; Torrens Grocery, $15; D. J. Davidson, $26; wood hauling, T. Sheppard, $9, A. Rye, $20, R. Sedore, $3, L. Nelson, $3.

The clerk was requested to get in touch with Peters, Morrison and Brown regarding audit of 1939 accounts.

The council then adjourned sine die.

SUTTON WEST

AUCTION OFF GIFTS AT W. I. MEETING

Elm Grove Women's Institute held its Christmas meeting at Mrs. Jewell's home, which was nicely decorated for the occasion.

The meeting opened with the singing of the Institute Ode and repeating the Institute Creed. The roll call was answered by suggestions for useful gifts. Mrs. Gloster gave an excellent paper on community activities and relief. Mrs. Allan Smallwood gave a very interesting report of the Women's Institute convention held in the Royal York hotel, Toronto. Christmas carols comprised the music. A much enjoyed reading on "My Old House" was given by Mrs. C. Tomlinson.

The much anticipated feature was the auction sale of gifts by a very capable auctioneer, who in a very short time sold all the gifts to the highest bidders, the money for which went into the Institute treasury.

The Institute decided to hold a dance in Belhaven hall for the benefit of the Canadian Red Cross on Dec. 29.

Lunch was served by the day's hostesses, Mary Tomlinson and Jean Graham. Mrs. H. Cockburn, on behalf of the Institute, thanked Mrs. Jewell for her kind hospitality, the hostesses, and those who had taken part in the program. The meeting closed by singing "God Save the King."

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stone and Paul, of Ottawa, spent the holiday with Mrs. Stone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Culverwell.

Misses Doris and Hazel McDonald spent the weekend at their home here.

Miss Marjorie Cronsberry of Oshawa was in town over the holiday weekend.

Miss Betty Zilliax and Mr. Don McDonald of Gravenhurst spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonald.

Miss Margaret McDonald of Toronto was in town for the weekend.

Mr. Byron Kay, who is working in the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Midland, spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr. Bob Sedore of Port Carling was home for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Christie and baby daughter, of Wellington, spent the Christmas weekend at Mr. and Mrs. W. Osborne's.

Elmhurst Beach

Mr. Claude Pollock of St. Andrew's College, Aurora, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pollock.

Those who did not go to the Jersey school concert certainly missed a treat, as Mr. Maw, the teacher, and the scholars are certainly to be congratulated on the fine concert they put on.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sedore and family of Ravenshoe and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey King of Belhaven spent Christmas with Mrs. Abe Sedore.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and family of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Coulson Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Harron and Miss Florence Waldon, of Toronto, spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. I. Waldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Smithers and family spent the Christmas weekend in Toronto.

Rev. and Mrs. Serrick spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair at Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. William Millar had the family gathering at their home for Christmas.

ROCHE'S POINT

WILL HOLD SPECIAL WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Christmas services throughout the parish of Rev. A. J. Forte were well attended. There was a record number of communicants at all three services. On Christmas eve, a carol service was held in Christ church, which was largely attended. The church was very beautifully decorated with evergreens and mistletoe. The 11 a.m. service on Christmas Day was also well attended with worshippers, who offered up prayers of thanksgiving and also for peace and good will towards men.

A special watch night service will be held in Christ church on Sunday, New Year's eve, at 11.15 p.m. in place of the regular evening service. On New Year's morning the congregation will adjourn to the parish hall for a social hour. A hearty welcome is extended to all people in the community to join in bidding adieu to the old year and welcoming in the new year.

KETTLEBY

FAMILY GATHERINGS MARK CHRISTMAS DAY

Miss Margaret Blackburn of Toronto was the weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blackburn.

Mrs. James Ramsden and Mr. Oscar Ramsden of Newmarket and Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Black and family on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hindle of Cookstown and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Greensides were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Greensides.

Miss Iris Hollingshead and Messrs. Cyrl and Ethan Hollingshead, all of Toronto, were holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hollingshead.

Misses Janet and Edith Weller and Mr. Alex Weller, who spent the summer months on the Great Lakes, were Sunday guests of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Marchant and family of Lloydtown and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Greensides were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. John Archibald and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Archibald and Ross were Christmas Day guests of Mrs. Stewart of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curtis and Jean and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Newmarket were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clarkson on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Heacock and Earl were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson of Dunkerron.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Morris were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Keffer of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blatchford and daughters motored to Cambray on Sunday to visit Christmas Day with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Williams and son, Barry, of Toronto, were Christmas Day guests of Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hilborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bogart were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bogart of Newmarket on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hunter and Marion and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sibley, all of Toronto, were holiday guests of Mrs. R. Hughey.

Mrs. George Wilson was a Christmas Day guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Wilson, of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. William Muirhead and children were guests of Mrs. Muirhead's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles, of Newmarket, on Christmas Day.

SCHOMBERG

SCHOOL CONCERT HAS RECORD CROWD

Dr. Eric Dillane of Callander, Ont., spent Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. K. Dillane.

Mr. Kenneth Sutton of Sudbury spent the Christmas holiday at his home here and also visited his mother, Mrs. J. Sutton, who is very ill in the Toronto General hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Marchant and Mr. Fred Perry had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Marchant in Weston. Mr. Perry left on Tuesday for Winnipeg.

The school concert held last Thursday night drew a record crowd. The town hall was filled to capacity and a splendid concert was put on by students of both public and continuation schools.

On Friday afternoon Santa Claus came to town and distributed candy to all the children present from the adjoining district.

The Presbyterian Sunday-school held its Sunday-school treat on Friday evening in the basement of the church with the children and parents attending. Prizes were given for the year and Santa Claus presented gifts to all.

There was a big crowd at the Christmas dance put on by the agricultural society on Saturday night. The hall was decorated most artistically for the Christmas season.

Good congregations attended all the churches on Sunday, and on Christmas Day in the Anglican church, where holy communion was celebrated at 8.30 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dillane, Toronto, and small son spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Dillane. Other guests were Mr. and Miss Kerr, and Miss Lorna Dillane was home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wauchope and family and Miss G. Amey called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amey, Beeton, on Christmas Day.

SNOWBALL

Miss Edythe Turp of Elora spent the Christmas holiday with her mother, Mrs. Ernest Copson.

Mr. Austin Oliver of Toronto spent a few days vacation with Mr. Stuart Mills.

A number of young folk from this community attended the dance at King City last Monday evening.

Mr. Den. Shropshire and Mrs. Stonehouse enjoyed Christmas day at Schomberg with Mrs. Stonehouse's daughter, Mrs. Breedon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hollingshead of Toronto are enjoying the Christmas holidays at their summer home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Beauclerc expect to close their home here about the new year and take up residence in Toronto during the winter season.

The Young People's society is holding its weekly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Barr on Thursday evening, Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Mitchell spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Dieeman of Teston.

A large family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Farren when 20 guests enjoyed Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haines spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Hall of Sharon.

Miss Ruth Webb of Toronto is spending the Christmas holidays at her home here.

Miss Margaret Riddell of King visited Miss Mary Mills last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hambleton of Newmarket and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Goode of Calgary were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills on Sunday.

The annual public school concert and Christmas tree was a decided success. Mr. Stockdale, the teacher, deserves great credit for the wonderful training he has given the children. The parts were all taken wonderfully well.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Wood were at home to a large gathering of relatives on Christmas day.

NORTH GWILLIMBURY

WANTS COUNCILLORS TO SHARE IN WORK

Hollywood Lodge, Island Grove, Dec. 22, 1939.

Editor, The Era: At the first meeting of the newly elected North Gwillimbury council, which meets on Jan. 18, at 1.30 o'clock, Harry Babb proposes to move that each one of the council representatives be nominated by the reeve to take charge of some department of the township affairs, he to be known as a supervisor of one of the following departments, roads, finance and relief, weeds, police and board of health. The idea is to have each one appointed responsible to the electors for that particular department.

The situation in the past has been for the council to select and engage paid officials, and allow such officials to run loose without having an overseer to suggest and check up on anything that pertains to that department. Instead of the reeve, who is only paid a very small salary and cannot afford to use up money to buy gasoline, having to run all over the township at every person's beck and call, and to answer phone calls all day long and well into the night, I suggest that this work be divided up between the members of the council. Instead of councillors just being figureheads to attend council meetings, pass accounts and collect their salary, that they be made to earn same and take responsibility, and some of the criticism that the reeve usually gets, and to be given some of the credit for their efforts if there is such a thing as credit in our township.

To help the situation out for the reeve, I would suggest also that each councillor have a telephone placed in their home. If a member-elect really wants to serve the people, that is one way of showing it. A councillor should co-operate to qualify for candidate at election.

Yours very truly,
Harry T. Babb.

R. R. RIDDELL WEDS MURIEL THORPE

At the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Waldruff, Bradford, Miss Muriel Elaine Thorpe, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Thorpe, became the bride of Mr. Robert Randolph Riddell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Riddell, of King, on Wednesday. Rev. Douglas Davis of King performed the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked charming in a gown of turquoise blue chiffon with moulded waistline, shirred bodice and full skirt. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations, baby's breath and fern. Miss Margaret Riddell, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid and wore a gown of pale blue taffeta and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and fern. Orin Thorpe, of Kirkland Lake, brother of the bride, was best man.

A reception for the immediate families followed, the bride's mother receiving in a gown of dusky pink moss crepe, assisted by the groom's mother, wearing midnight blue crepe. The bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Waldruff, recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. The section of the large drawing-room set apart for the ceremony was the same used by the bride's parents for their wedding and has been the scene for the many wedding anniversaries of the bride's grandparents.

For travelling, the bride wore a tailored model dress of hunter's green satin faced crepe, with white corded silk collar, and a wool, hunter's green coat with mink trim and matching accessories.

On their return the young couple will reside at King, Ont.

Deep Stuff

"What did you do last summer?"

"I worked in Des Moines."

"Coal or iron?"

NORTH GWILLIMBURY COUNCIL MEETS JAN. 18

The first meeting of the North Gwillimbury newly elected township council will take place on Jan. 18, at 1.30 p.m. Seats will be reserved for all ladies who desire to attend. Rev. C. E. Fockler, Keswick United church, assisted by Rev. A. J. Forte, of Christ church, Roche's Point, will conduct the religious ceremony.

Notice To Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Edgar Athling Wilson, carrying on business as Newmarket Motor Sales in Newmarket did on December 18, 1939, sell his business and I am appointed trustee under The Bulk Sales Act.

All persons having claims against him must file same duly proved with me by January 10, 1940, after which date the proceeds of the sale will be distributed having regard only to those claims received.

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MOUNT ALBERT

DOCTOR'S FATHER DIES WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harwood spent the holidays with relatives at Welland.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilley and Alex spent Christmas with Mrs. Tilley's parents at Oakwood.

Mrs. Peter Elias of Toronto spent the holiday weekend with her aunts, the Misses Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Leadbetter, Joyce and Roy, were at the home of Mrs. Leadbetter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wagg, of Goodwood, for Christmas.

Mrs. J. Williamson of Newmarket spent Christmas day at the home of her son, Mr. Guy Williamson.

Miss Marjorie Moore of Winnipeg came east to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. Moore, who is leaving next week to spend the winter in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson of Saskatchewan are spending the winter at the home of Mr. Dawson's sister-in-law, Mrs. H. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gore and Mr. Bruce Davidson of Toronto were at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davidson, over Christmas.

Dr. Carruthers was suddenly called to Stayner last week owing to his father having been struck by a passing car when going to get his mail out of his mailbox. Mr. Carruthers was knocked down and suffered a very badly broken leg and was removed to Collingwood hospital where he passed away a few hours after being admitted.

Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers have spent several winters here with their son, Dr. Carruthers, and made many friends by their kind, sociable dispositions. Their friends here regret the sudden passing of Mr. Carruthers. Although in his 91st year Mr. Carruthers had been in very good health and was very keen for his years.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon from the home to Stayner United church and burial was made in Stayner cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Mainprize and family spent Christmas with Mr. Mainprize's mother, Mrs. M. Mainprize.

The Christmas services at the United church were well attended and the minister had a nice Christmas message for all. The evening service took the form of Christmas carols, led by the junior choir and a cantata, "The Nativity," by the girls and boys who had given it at the concert on Friday evening.

The Sunday-schools and public schools combined to give the Christmas concert in the United church and many thanks are due Miss Campbell, Miss Dike and Mrs. Lyons for the beautiful cantata, and the junior choir, who assisted with the music. Mrs. Pearson's boys and girls dramatized the old story, "Scrooge's Christmas," which is always enjoyed, and the smaller children gave a little playlet, "Binnie's dream," under Mrs. Steeper. The children always enjoy putting on concerts and the grown-ups surely enjoy them.

The proceeds amounted to $37.

Mr. and Mrs. Wrightman spent Christmas with their son, Mr. William Wrightman, on Second St.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wilson spent Christmas in Toronto with their daughter, Mrs. Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. William Couper and children spent Christmas at Maple with Mr. Couper's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wagg, Jimmie and Linda, of Picton, were with relatives here for Christmas.

Mrs. Ross had her family home for Christmas dinner, Mr. John Ross of Ridegway, Mr. and Mrs. Cook and Eldrid of Orillia, Mr. and Mrs. Ashforth, Blake and Ross of Toronto, Misses Effie and Muriel Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ross and children of Toronto and Forrest and Donald of Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash and Connie of Hamilton spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Carruthers.

On Wednesday, Dec. 27, the school meeting was held.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Arnold and Clarkson and Mr. and Mrs. Almer Crowle of Zephyr and Mr. and Mrs. Reesor and Margaret of Toronto were Christmas visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burnham.

Mr. Alvin Dike was home from exhibition camp for Christmas.

Dr. Jas. Hamilton of New York and Miss Jean Hamilton of Cookstown spent the holiday with their mother, Mrs. J. Crowle.

Mr. Oscar Robertson of Blind River was home for Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Dike and Ambrose spent Christmas in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

The nomination meeting last Friday evening in the town hall for police trustee resulted in Oscar Dike being the new member along with W. Robertson and Geo. Walker for the coming year.

TO THOSE WHOM IT HAS BEEN OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE DURING THE PAST YEAR WE SINCERELY SAY "THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE."

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Maple Hill

There was a large gathering at the Christmas entertainment held at the home of Bert Scott. The tree and room were beautifully decorated and the children and young people who took part in the program did exceptionally well.

Santa Claus came after the program, to the delight of the children, and all had a very enjoyable evening.

The prayer meeting this week was held at the home of David Love on Wednesday evening.

The pastor, Mr. McAsh, is spending his Christmas holidays at his home, London, Ont.

Mrs. A. Knights spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. McGill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knights had Christmas with Mrs. Knight's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weatherall, Virginia.

A Happy New Year to all.

Cedar Valley

Harold Pyle and Douglas Hale were here for the holiday.

Ray McClure has completed his work at the Toronto post office during the Christmas rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lundy had a family gathering for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Galley and Carolyn spent their holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Howard McClure.

Happy New Year

In a friendly way, may we pause to consider our indebtedness to you who have so generously entrusted your business to us during 1939.

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NEWMARKET

SHORT COURSES ARE TO START JAN. 2

The short course in agriculture and home economics being arranged for Schomberg for the month of January have every prospect of a record attendance, according to W. M. Cockburn, agricultural representative for York county, who has been spending some time in that district recently completing arrangements. He states that the business men of the village are right behind the Agricultural Society and Women's Institute and that the young people of the surrounding district are keenly interested.

While advance registration has not been requested, a young lady from near Bradford has already made application. There has never been a four-weeks' course at Schomberg, but there are several young people who have attended similar courses at Nobleton, Newton Robinson, Bolton, Tottenham and other points and who are planning their work to get to the classes from Jan. 2 to 26.

The class in Home Economics for the girls and young married women will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian church, with Miss J. R. McDiarmid of Almonte as instructor in the household science, and Miss Helen Hulet of Norwich teaching the clothing and sewing. Miss Hulet assisted with the Woodbridge class two years ago.

The agricultural class for the men will meet in the kitchen of the market hall, where Mr. Cockburn, who has charge of the classes, will be assisted by Donald Bell of Barrie, son of one of the best farmers of that district. Mr. Lashley of Alliston, agricultural representative for South Simcoe, who is co-operating in organizing the course, will also take a number of classes.

The Ontario department of agriculture has arranged for the following special speakers, when the general public is invited to attend: Weed Control, Dr. W. J. Stephen, B.S.A., crops branch, Toronto, Jan. 5; Poultry, J. F. Francis, B.S.A., poultry dept., O.A.C., Guelph, Jan. 9; Farm Forestry, I. C. Marritt, B.S.A., forestry branch, Toronto, Jan. 11; Co-operation and Marketing, W. L. Bishop, B.S.A., Norwich, Jan. 15; Soils and Fertilizers, R. J. Bryden, B.S.A., chemistry dept., O.A.C., Jan. 17; Cream Grading and Testing, T. C. Adams, dairy branch, Toronto, Jan. 23; Sheep Marketing, J. A. Telfer, dominion livestock branch, Paris, Jan. 24.

The classes will be held from 9.30 to 12 and 1.30 to 4, Monday to Friday, and the only charge is a registration fee of 50 cents to provide demonstration material and cover class expenses, the halls being provided by the councils of King and Tecumseh townships.

MALLOY CHALLENGES (Continued from Page 5)

life after the town had received much adverse publicity."

"Next year I feel there should be a utilities commission set up," said Mr. Walton. "Last year it was turned down by the electors, but it was not very well presented. The time has come when some step like this must be taken.

"Our position with the Dehydrating company is not much more satisfactory this year than last December."

The mayor also believed the anti-sabotage expenditures of council were justified, and that the new agreement with Dehydrating Processes Ltd. was very satisfactory.

"We are carrying from year to year nearly $30,000 in unpaid taxes, which is not very satisfactory, but which is the only justification for a large bank overdraft," he said. "Next year I believe we may do better, but we have had to use leniency due to economic conditions."

Deputy-Reeve L. K. Farr announced that this year he would be a candidate for reeve.

"I represented you in county council last year, and I found it a most interesting experience," he said. "I did not gain as much out of the first two sessions as I did out of the November session. I was a member of the education committee, and next year it may be possible for us to have a big saving of about $2,500 for Aurora if all non-school areas are made school areas. Forest Hill village started the matter, and we made a compromise with them rather than have a long legal battle. As a result, we had the county auditor make a complete survey of the situation and, strangely enough, Aurora would benefit by such a scheme more than any other municipality. If I go back to county council I will endeavor to bring this about.

"We also had a survey made in the county of the methods used by the various municipalities as to what steps they took to collect the amounts spent for hospitalization on indigents," said Mr. Farr. "Many people can pay who get away with it, and I am sorry to say Aurora had no definite plan. Much of this money can be reclaimed. It took me some time to get into harness in the county. A new man must wait and see what goes on for some time."

Mr. Farr deplored the amount on the town books for arrears of taxes. He also outlined the reductions made in the arrears of accounts now carried by the electric light and waterworks departments. "Various members of council took part in this clean-up, and I can't take the credit alone, but it did all happen since I was a member of council."

Mr. Farr also urged an increased grant for the public library, approved the agreement with the dehydration company and termed the town's agreement with the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission "a terrible mess," which he believed should be cleaned up without delay.

"We are supposed to pay the same as the town of Brampton, but we are paying more, and have not been getting the lower rate we are entitled to when we reach a certain figure of consumption. This is one problem council will have to deal with next year. I don't know why it didn't come up before."

Councillor John Stuart, seeking a tenth term on the council board, dealt with the record of the fire brigade, which department he had charge of this year. He praised the brigade for their efficiency and thought Aurora had the finest fire record of any municipality in Ontario.

Councillor C. E. Sparks announced his candidature for the deputy-reeveship. "I have been chairman of the finance committee and have tried to keep down the expenditures all year," said Mr. Sparks. "I feel we haven't had a bad year financially in view of everything. I had three years experience in the county council of Wentworth county, and I got along fairly well, I think. I will attend to matters carefully, if you elect me."

Dr. C. R. Boulding asked for an explanation of the awarding of the town liability insurance to A. E. Wilson and company and also a resume of the town's history in this regard.

Mr. Sparks said he thought the choice made was satisfactory, and the new policy covered a wider scope than the former one or than the one submitted by a rival company.

"My point is that these people held up the price on us exorbitantly some years ago, and we succeeded in getting a price $600 lower through Mr. Bowman," replied Dr. Boulding. "Then you allowed Wilson's to cut still lower by a few dollars and gave them the contract, forgetting what the other company had done for the town, and now in December Mr. Bowman's company were lower but did not get the contract."

"We got better coverage," said Mr. Sparks, "and we didn't like the business methods used by the other company."

Mr. Bowman, who was present in the hall, denied any impropriety in submitting the tender to council.

"The whole committee recommended the award to A. E. Wilson," said Mr. Sparks. "We didn't like the principle of eavesdropping."

Councillor Dr. E. J. Henderson, chairman of the relief committee, who had been accorded praise for his work by other speakers, gave an account of his department. "There were 114 on relief at Christmas last year. Now there are only 78. I believe this is due to the way our factories are working, and I look for a gradual decrease in numbers." He also outlined to the meeting improvements made in the waterworks department and paid tribute to Mr. Langman's efficiency.

Councillor Ross Linton told of the changes made in the electric light system and forecast a complete overhaul by gradual stages of the town's system. He also urged the establishment of a utilities commission. "We need continuity of policy, both for collections and a works program. The present system of leaving it to council provides too much work for councillors who receive no pay and in some cases abuse." He praised the clerk for his efficiency, and said that since he had been in charge of the accounts only $3.27 of current accounts had been lost. He also criticized the Hydro contract.

Councillor A. J. G. Wilson said the property committee had cut down their expenditures 25 per cent. He supported increased grants to the library, and a re-adjustment of salaries in the clerk's office in view of rising commodity costs. He had supported the awarding of the street liability insurance to Mr. Bowman's company, which was the lowest tender. He also criticized the type of policy given because it was placed with Lloyd's of London, which he did not think was fair to Canadian companies.

"You know the circumstances, their tender came in scribbled, and they could hear through the open window," interjected Councillor Dr. E. J. Henderson. "The insurance is as safe with Lloyd's as anyone else."

"I still say the same chance and information for tendering was not given to Mr. Bowman," replied Mr. Wilson. "Next year things should be different."

Frank Underhill, school trustee, who was nominated for mayor, was the next speaker. "I believe young men should get into council, but the way things are in Aurora in most cases a young man is old before he can hold any major office. I have no record to defend, and I make no promises. If I decided to be a candidate for mayor I would do so with only one objective, to serve the whole community without fear or favor to anyone. My experience on the school board has been most instructive and our efforts on your behalf speak for themselves."

Mr. Underhill did not qualify for council but did qualify for school trustee, it being alleged at the nomination meeting that even though his two-year term as trustee expired this year, it would be necessary for him to resign from the board three days previous to nomination day.

Charles Malloy, deputy-reeve for four years, who was defeated last year for office by L. K. Farr, announced at the outset of his speech that he would be a candidate for reeve. "This office was vacant when Mr. Knowles left and Aurora was left without a representation at county council for his seat," said Mr. Malloy. "I have had four years successful service in county council and I waited for council to declare themselves at the last meeting. Only one man, Dr. Henderson, said he would be a candidate, and I then said I would run for reeve. I was in the field first.

"I failed last year because as one prominent citizen told me I was too honest in my campaigning. My opponent, Mr. Farr, this year as in previous years seeks to take credit for himself for every improvement in council, whereas it is due the whole council in most cases."

He charged Mr. Farr had said he would be constantly at the service of the ratepayers, and on many occasions had neglected the assignments given him by council or had refused to act. "On one occasion he said he was going to Toronto, and so could not appear before the government on a game and fisheries matter. The clerk was sent down, and he then took over the town office in his absence, for what reason, you can all guess."

Mr. Malloy told of his previous record in council and said if Mr. Farr had been on the job this year it might not have been necessary to issue debentures to cover a high school deficit. "He delayed calling the meeting until it was too late, I am informed. You can only get things in county council if you get along well with the other fellows, and in my four years there I made many friends who helped out if they could. If I am elected I will give the best of my ability wholeheartedly, and you will have representation in the county that will really get you something."

Mr. Farr then denied Mr. Malloy's allegations. "Mr. Malloy is absolutely wrong. His statements are wholly untrue. I dislike to say that but I must defend myself. I made no such statements as he says I made regarding what services I would give to the town."

"You did say that! I have your very words," replied Mr. Malloy.

"I deny it again," said Mr. Farr. "I got along all right at county council. I couldn't call the meeting Mr. Malloy refers to because I was to await word when they could meet me. He is wrong about the reeveship. We couldn't do anything until Mr. Knowles' resignation was tendered. It only came in late in the fall."

"You had time to appoint a man to go down to represent the town, in fact, council tried to appoint Dr. Henderson to county council and you ducked out of the meeting," rejoined Mr. Malloy.

"I did not," said Mr. Farr. "Any time I was away from council I had a legitimate reason. I never evaded any issue at any time."

Howard J. Morton, who unsuccessfully opposed Mayor Walton in June for the mayoralty, told the meeting he would be definitely in the field for deputy-reeve. "I consider it an essential above all other things for a person to state clearly his position as to whether or not he will be a candidate," said Mr. Morton. "The people have a right to know in advance.

"I gave you a mayor last June. You couldn't get anyone to stand until I came in the field. I offered myself to you and if I had thought Mr. Walton would have accepted I would have been glad to co-operate, but I declared myself first, and could not back down after several council members who approved my candidature were inconsistent enough to change their minds and approve Mr. Walton. I had also to consider the vast number of people who supported me and wanted a chance to express their feelings. I have only the friendliest feelings for Mr. Walton, he did a better job than I might have done.

"I believe council needs new blood and some new ideas," said Mr. Morton. "I think I can supply this, and I will apply the same business methods to council as I would to my own affairs. You need a man in county council who will be fair to all, will make friends and mix well, and who can stand on his feet and command some respect for his opinions and your wishes. I will give you the type of representation you need. I am not making any promises regarding anything, so I will sit in council, if elected, free to deal impartially with all problems. As I am a comparative newcomer to town I have no preconceived likes or dislikes."

He criticized the awarding of the street liability insurance, the system of awarding contracts this year, and the lack of activity in securing new industries for the town. "This council has been inconsistent in most of their policies and activities throughout the whole year. That's why the town received a lot of unfavorable publicity. I will endeavor to do away with inconsistency and have a definite policy that is fair to all carried out."

Dr. G. A. C. Gunton, candidate for council, offered the town the benefit of his many years of business experience, and urged a policy between the town council and the board of trade to establish a farmers' market here, and improve the relations between the urban and rural dwellers.

"Aurora has every advantage to offer, but it is away behind in this situation," he said. "We can have a wonderful market here that will bring thousands of dollars in revenue to our business each year, if we will only do something."

He also urged strict adherence to the principles of the municipal act in respect to any members of council doing business with the town.

As the hour was nearly 12 o'clock, candidates for the school board, who included Dr. C. J. Devins, retiring chairman, Fred Davis and Frank Underhill, both present members, and former councillor, Hugh Bowman, who seeks a seat on this year's board, all addressed the meeting briefly.

Chauffeur vs. Driver

The boys who drive for the motion picture studios resent being called chauffeurs. They want to be called drivers. Most of the actors call their drivers by name and chat with them. Recently a woman star, to whom a special car and driver were assigned, let a week go by without bothering to learn his name, and always addressed him as "Chauffeur." He thought that was long enough, so he swung around in his seat, grinning yet determined.

"Miss," he said, "I'm no chauffeur. I'm a driver."

"Why," she asked, "what's the difference?"

The answer was instantaneous and positive: "One hundred dollars a month and no dogs to wash!"

Necessary

Fond Mother: Well, Johnny, what did the music teacher think of your rendering of the "Morning, Noon and Night Overture?"

Johnny: After I'd played a few bars he told me to call it a day!



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